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SC allows Palaniswami to remain at AIADMK helm

Court affirms Madras HC order upholding conduct of a Special General Council meeting in July that chose him as interim general secretary and expelled rival Panneerselvam from party

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday affirmed a decision of the Division Bench of the Madras High Court upholding the conduct of a Special General Council meeting of the AIADMK on July 11, 2022, which appointed former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami interim general secretary of the party and expelled rival O. Panneerselvam from its primary membership.

"A workable solution was to be found; and when the solution as found and applied, does not otherwise appear offending the spirit of by-laws as also the norms of functioning of an association or a party, it cannot be said that declaration of the Presidium Chairman for the meeting of the General Council on July 11, 2022, and the follow-up notice by the office-bearers had been wholly unauthorised," a Bench of Justices Dinesh Maheshwari and Hrishikesh Roy observed.

Jubilant team: AIADMK functionaries presenting a silver sceptre to Edappadi K. Palaniswami in Madurai on Thursday. G. MOORTHY

Justice Maheshwari, who authored the 80-page verdict, directed that an interim order of the top court on July 6, 2022 in the case was "absolute".

The interim order had permitted the July 11 meeting to be held. It had further directed that no restrictions should be placed on the agenda of an earlier General Council meeting held on June 23, 2022.

The court's judgment would effectively allow Mr. Palaniswami, represented by senior advocate Aryama Sundaram and advocates Balaji Srinivasan and Rohini Musa, to continue as the party's interim general secretary for now.

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In airport drama, Cong. leader Pawan Khera held for remark on Modi

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Senior Congress leader Pawan Khera was arrested by the Assam Police on Thursday in connection with an FIR registered for allegedly using objectionable words against Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

He was made to disembark from a Raipur-bound flight at the Delhi airport in the morning by security personnel and arrested. Later in the evening, on Supreme Court directions, he was granted interim bail till Tuesday and released.

He was travelling to attend the Congress's 85th plenary, along with other party leaders, who later sat on dharna on the tarmac protesting against the police action.

The FIR was filed after Mr. Khera referred to Mr. Modi as 'Narendra Gautam Das Modi' at a recent press conference, while seeking a Joint Parliamentary Committee probe into the U.S.-based Hindenburg Research's report against the Gautam Adani-led Group.

Congress leaders protesting at the Delhi airport after Pawan Khera was deboarded from a plane and arrested on Thursday. PTI

Mr. Khera has been booked in Uttar Pradesh and Assam under Sections 153A (promoting religious enmity), 153B (imputations or assertions prejudicial to national integration), 295A (outraging religious feelings), 500 (defamation) and 504 (intentional insult to provoke breach of peace), 505 (statements amounting to public mischief), and 120B (criminal conspiracy) of the Indian Penal Code.

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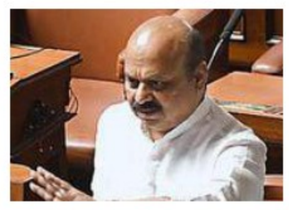

Chief Minister's counter-attack on Congress

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The Chief Minister on Thursday referred to the Kempanna Commission report that has found irregularities in Arkavathi Layout "re-do" exercise to launch a counter-attack on the Congress. » Page 8

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GST revenues hit a record ₹1.59 lakh crore in January

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

India's Goods and Services Tax (GST) revenues grew 12.7% in January to hit almost ₹1.59 lakh crore, the second highest monthly collections on record, as per revised figures from the Finance Ministry.

Earlier estimates of GST revenues for January had pegged collections at about ₹1.56 lakh crore till the evening of January 31 – 10.6% higher than the GST receipts in January 2022.

Based on the updated GST collections, the Finance Ministry's monthly economic review released on Thursday said the total GST revenues between April 2022 and January 2023 now stand at ₹14.9 lakh crore, 23.1% higher than the corresponding period of 2021-22.

Revenue check

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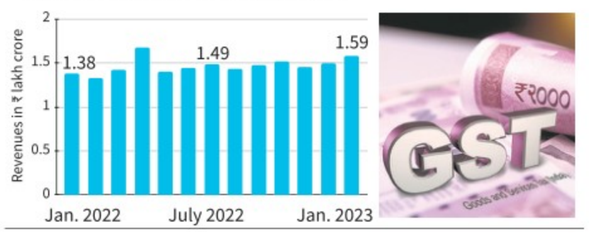

Robust scenario

"Domestic economic activity remains robust even as a global economic slowdown materialises, as evident in the second highest-ever GST collections of ₹1.6 lakh crore in January 2023. GST collections have now remained above the ₹1.4 lakh crore mark for 11 successive months," the review noted.

The review shows year-on-year growth in January's GST collections at 12.7%, which translates into about ₹1,58,891 crore, compared to collections of ₹1,40,986 crore in January 2022.

Biden, Putin display their alliances as Ukraine war enters second year

Reuters
WARSAW/ MOSCOW

U.S. President Joe Biden and Russian President Vladimir Putin bolstered their respective alliances with NATO and China, days before the first anniversary of Moscow's invasion of Ukraine. While Mr. Biden promised that the U.S. "will defend literally every inch of NATO", Mr. Putin said Chinese leader Xi Jinping would visit Russia, saying relations had reached "new frontiers".

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Sri Lanka gives nod to Adani wind power project

Meera Srinivasan
COLOMBO

Crisis-hit Sri Lanka has approved a $442-million wind power project of Adani Green Energy, barely a month since the Indian multinational conglomerate's stocks plummeted following U.S.-based short-seller Hindenburg's damaging report on the Group.

"Adani, a leading Indian company" received the project approval "to start two wind power plants in Mannar and Pooneryn areas of [northern] Sri Lanka," the Board of Investment (BOI) of Sri Lanka said on Wednesday. The project would likely create 2,000 jobs, the Board said.

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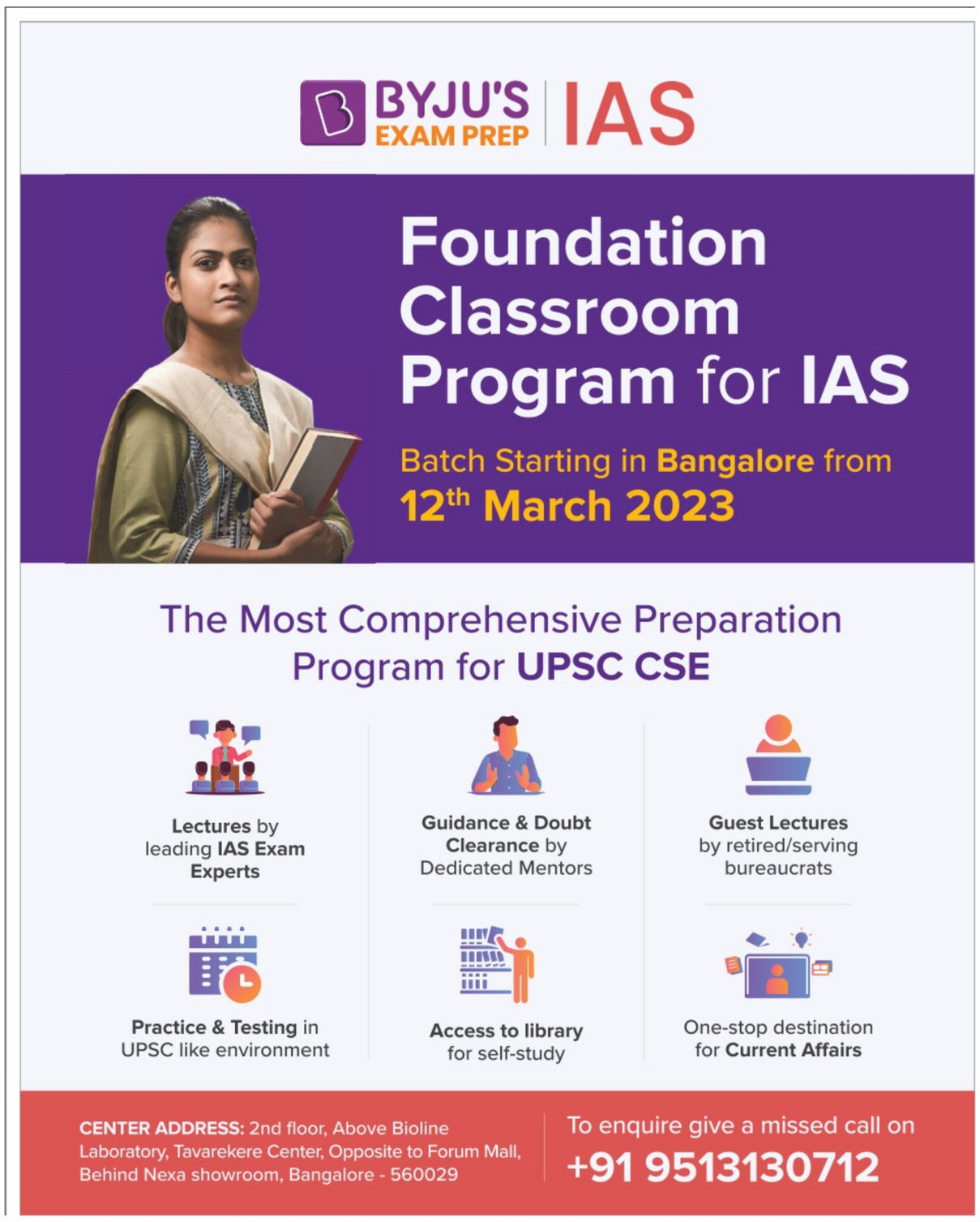
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Five lakh patients used QR code in 365 hospitals for faster registration

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Up to five lakh patients have benefited since October last year from QR code-enabled registration at hospital counters, which has helped reduce long queues, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare said on Thursday.

The Ministry's National Health Authority (NHA) under the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) introduced the "scan and share" service for faster Outpatient Department (OPD) registrations in October 2022.

Since then, the service has been adopted in 365 government and private hospitals, Basant Garg, Additional CEO, NHA, explained.

Easy access: The service is currently available in 125 districts across 25 States and Union Territories. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The participating hospitals, both government and private, display their unique QR codes in patient-registration areas.

"The patients can scan the QR code using any health application such as the ABHA app, Aarogya Setu app, EkaCare, DRiefcase, Bajaj Health or PayTM and share information such as name, age, gender, and unique health ID [ABHA number] to the Health Management Information system [HMIS] of the hospital," Dr. Garg said.

Instant tokens

"This enables paperless registration and thereby instant token generation. The patient saves time and the health facility is able to optimise the need of resources deployed for registration. This process also leads to the patient's health records getting digitally linked to their Ayushman Bharat Health Account. Patients can manage and access this from their phone anytime anywhere," Dr. Garg added.

The service is now provided in 125 districts across 25 States and Union Territories. Leading user States include Karnataka where 2.5 lakh tokens have been generated, Uttar Pradesh which has registered 1.1 lakh users and Delhi which has recorded 72,000 users.

Text&Context

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Refugees from Myanmar, Bangladesh take shelter in Mizoram

31,591 The number of refugees from Myanmar and Bangladesh to have taken shelter in Mizoram, according to officials. While 31,050 asylum seekers from Myanmar sought refuge in the state as on January 27, 541 came from Bangladesh. The Myanmar nationals fled to Mizoram following a military coup in February 2021. PTI

Rise in pesky calls and SMS after interactions on social media

76 In percentage, the number of respondents in India who claimed that there is a rise in pesky calls or SMS based on conversations with WhatsApp business accounts and their activity on Facebook, according to survey firm LocalCircles. The survey conducted from February 1 to February 20 shows that 95% of WhatsApp users get one or more pesky messages every day. PTI

ONGC invests in Mumbai offshore to raise oil, gas output

2 In $ billion, the amount to be invested by India's top oil and gas producer, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC), in drilling a record 103 wells on its main gas-bearing asset in the Arabian Sea, to enhance production by 100 million tonnes, according to company officials. The government has been pressing firms to raise domestic output to help cut the $115 billion import bill. PTI

Contribution of workers with digital skills to India's GDP

10.9 In ₹ lakh crore, the amount contributed by workers equipped with advanced digital skills to India's annual GDP, according to an Amazon Web Services (AWS) study by Gallup. It showed that workers with advanced digital skills earn 92% higher salaries in India compared to those with a similar education who do not use digital skills at work. PTI

Death toll from massive earthquake in Turkey, Syria rises

47,244 The death toll from the earthquake that hit Turkey and Syria on February 6, with the number of fatalities rising as more bodies are retrieved from the rubble. A 6.4-magnitude earthquake struck the already battered Hatay this week, compounding the devastation. AP

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The past and present of Russia's war in Ukraine

What is the current status of the war between the two nations? How is the West helping Ukraine to hold on to its territories? Why has Russia not been able to achieve its goals for the war? What is happening inside Ukraine? Will both the countries see a settlement in the near future?

EXPLAINER

Stanly Johny

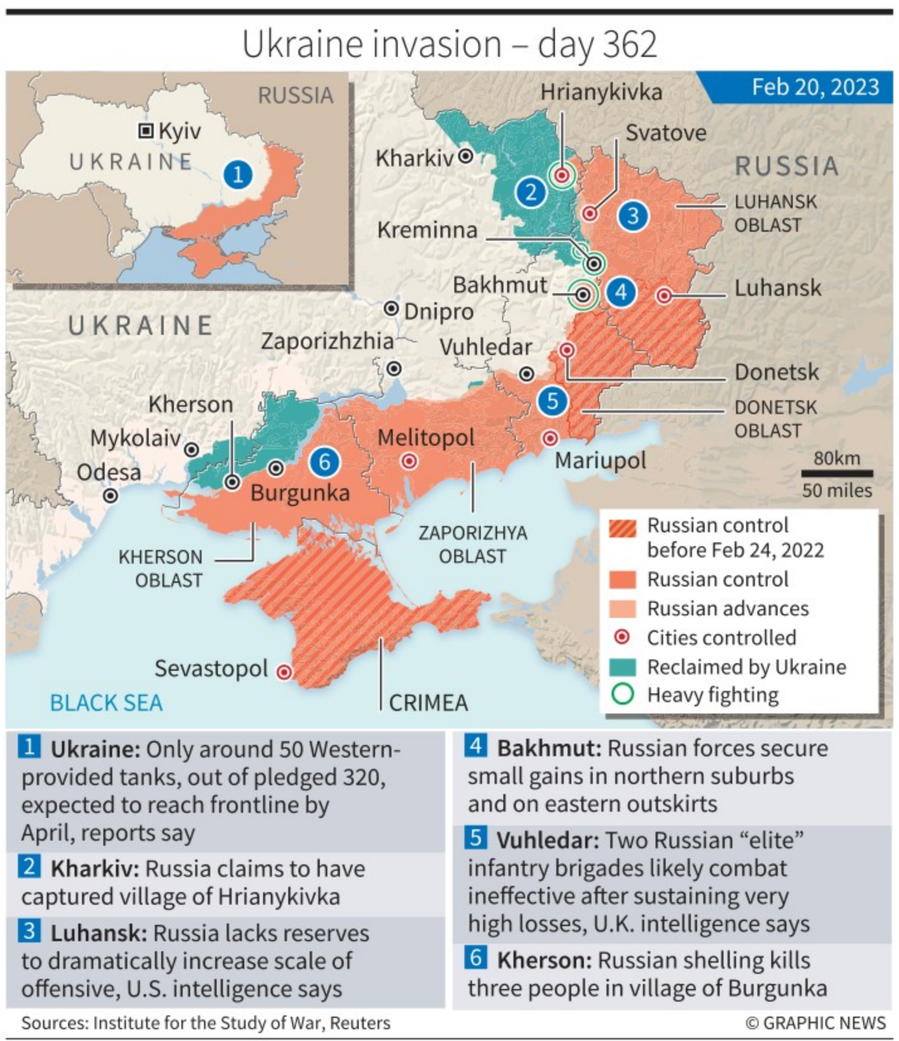
The story so far:

A year after Russia launched its invasion of Ukraine, there are signs of escalation everywhere. The West has recently announced the supply of more advanced weapons to Ukraine, deepening its involvement in the conflict. In response, Russian President Vladimir Putin, who has already reinforced Russian positions along the 1,000-km long frontline in Ukraine with hundreds of thousands of troops, announced the suspension of his country's participation in the New Start treaty, which could trigger a nuclear arms race. Ukraine, with the free flow of weapons from the West, hopes to arrest the Russian advances and begin its own offensive to regain lost land. As the war is extended, risks of a direct confrontation between Russia and the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO), both nuclear powers, are also on the rise.

What's the current status of the war?

Russia is expected to launch a new offensive in the coming days. Right now, focused fighting has been going on in some flashpoints along the frontline. For over seven months, PMC Wagner, a private Russian security force with close ties to the Kremlin, has been fighting to take Bakhmut, a city at the cross junction of several key arteries in Donetsk, one of the four Ukrainian regions annexed by Mr. Putin in September. Last month, Wagner took Soledar, a salt mine town in the outskirts of Bakhmut, and several settlements around the city thereafter. As of now, Russians control all major highways into Bakhmut, except one (Chasiv Yar), which Ukrainian troops are using for reinforcement and resupply.

Russians have opened two more fronts, one in Izium, northwest of Bakhmut in Kharkiv Oblast, and the other in Vuhledar, south of Bakhmut in Donetsk. They are also pushing the frontline in Zaporizhzhia and positional fighting is continuing in Kherson. Ukraine is trying to hold on to the territories until more weapons and trained fighters arrive from the West. It would take a few more weeks before the main battle tanks pledged by Western countries, including Leopard 2 (German), M1 Abrams (American) and Challenger 2 (British), arrive at the battlefield.



Ukrainian soldiers take part in an exercise in the Kharkiv area. AP

Is Russia losing the war?

The answer depends on how you look at the conflict. Given the power asymmetry between Russia and Ukraine, Russian troops' performance in the battlefield was underwhelming. If one looks at Russia's declared goals and what they have achieved in the 12 months of fighting, it's not difficult to see that they are still far from meeting those objectives. Some say Mr. Putin wanted to take Kyiv and install a pro-Kremlin regime. Mr. Putin had said that demilitarisation and de-Nazification were his main goals. His commanders had said, on record, that Russia wanted to take the whole of Ukraine's east and south, which means an arc of territories stretching from Kharkiv in the northeast through the Donbas in the east (which comprises Luhansk and Donetsk) to Odesa, the Black Sea port city in the southwest, turning the country into a land-locked rump. Russia failed to meet any of these objectives.

But at the same time, the war is taking place inside Ukraine, and Russia has taken substantial portions of Ukrainian territories, including Mariupol, the port city that was defended by the Azov Brigade, a neo-Nazi outfit that has been integrated into the regular Ukrainian army. Russia's territorial gains in Ukraine peaked in March 2022, when it controlled some 22% of pre-2014 Ukraine. Since then, Ukraine recaptured some land in Kharkiv and Kherson. But still, Russia controls some 17% of Ukraine and Mr. Putin also managed to secure a land bridge between mainland Russia to Crimea, which Moscow annexed in 2014, that runs through the Donbas and Zaporizhzhia. And with a new offensive, Russia plans to mount more pressure on Ukrainian troops, which also explains why the West is now rushing more weapons to the battlefield.

Was the West's strategy effective?

The West's approach has been two-fold: punish Russia's economy through sanctions and thereby weaken its war machine, while arming Ukraine to counter the Russian offensive. The Western support has played a critical part in Ukraine's resistance and counter-offensive. The U.S. is Ukraine's biggest aid provider – it has pledged military and financial assistance worth over $70 billion. The EU has pledged $37 billion and among the EU countries, the U.K. and Germany top the list. Last year, after Ukraine suffered a series of setbacks in Mariupol, Severodonetsk and Lysychansk, the U.S. promised the delivery of its mid-range rocket systems such as HIMARS. The new weapons helped Ukraine turn around the momentum, but Ukrainian gains froze in December. Now, when Russia is preparing for another offensive, the West is coming to Ukraine's rescue once again, with more advanced weapons, including missile defence systems, armoured vehicles, tank killers, battle tanks and precision bombs. While the approach of arming Ukraine has been effective in at least halting the Russian advances, hurting Russia economically has been a double-edged sword.

Sanctions on Russia, one of the top global producers of oil and gas, hit the global economy hard, worsening an inflationary crisis across the West, particularly in Europe. Russia also took a hit, but it found alternative markets for its energy exports in Asia, redrawing the global energy export landscape. Last year, despite sanctions, Russia raised its oil output by 2% and boosted oil export earnings by 20%, to $218 billion. Russia also raked in $138 billion from natural gas, a nearly 80% rise over 2021 – and this was in spite of the European push to cut gas imports from Russia. The Russian economy was estimated to have contracted by 2% in 2022, but, according to the IMF, it is expected to grow 0.3% this year and 2.1% next year. In comparison, Germany, Europe's largest economy, is expected to grow 0.1% this year, while the U.K., Ukraine's second biggest backer, is projected to contract by 0.6%.

What's happening inside Ukraine?

The Russian invasion turned President Volodymyr Zelensky into the face of the Ukrainian resistance. Mr. Zelensky, a former television comedian, was grappling with a host of political challenges when the war began. His approval rating had fallen to 28% and his regime was accused of persecuting the former President, Petro Poroshenko, on treason charges. Corruption was rampant. In Donbas, a civil war between Russian-speaking separatists and the Ukraine army, including the neo-Nazi brigades, had been raging since 2014. But when Ukraine survived the initial Russian thrust and continued to resist the invasion, Mr. Zelensky emerged as a hero for many. He rallied western opinion and aid. He also seized the moment to bolster his grip on power at home.

Eleven opposition parties, including the Platform for Life which had 44 seats in the 450-member Ukrainian Parliament, were banned. Presidential decrees were issued mandating the country's main TV channels to broadcast identical content cleared by government officials. Even churches with links to the Russian Orthodox Church were not spared. Mr. Zelensky emerged politically stronger at home as the war dragged on and the West stood solidly behind him, irrespective of his crackdown on political rivals. But scandals began surfacing recently that maligned the regime. Mr. Zelensky fired a dozen senior officials, including Deputy Defence Minister Vyacheslav Shapovalov, last month over corruption. He now promises that he will clean up the administration. He should also make sure that the pipeline of aid from the West, which is existential for his regime, is not disrupted as the war goes on.

Is there a possibility for a negotiated settlement?

Immediately after the war began, Russian and Ukrainian officials had started talks. According to former Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett, both sides had exchanged several drafts about a potential peace plan in March 2022, but the U.S. and the U.K. staunchly opposed Ukraine reaching any agreement with Russia. Talks collapsed in March. In July, Turkey brokered a deal on taking out Russian and Ukrainian food grains through the Black Sea. Warring parties had also reached some prisoner exchange agreements. But barring these, talks between the two sides are non-existent. Russia, despite the slow progress of its "special military operation", remains adamant. Mr. Zelensky recently stated that he would not reach any agreement with Russia making territorial compromises. There is absolutely no push from the West for talks. As the crisis continues, China has stepped in with its own peace initiative, the details of which are not known to the public yet.

For any peace plan to succeed, two complex issues should be addressed – Ukraine's territories and Russia's security concerns. Right now, Russia controls swathes of Ukraine's land and the NATO keeps arming Kyiv, sharpening the existing contradictions. Ukraine, given its dependence on the West, would require clearance from western capitals for any final settlement, which also means that for a lasting solution, Washington and Moscow should reach some kind of understanding. As the war enters its second year, the possibility for such an understanding is very low. The war is set to grind on.

THE GIST

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INBRIEF

Knowledge cannot be stolen, says Governor

Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot on Wednesday urged students to prioritise knowledge acquisition alongside education, emphasising that knowledge cannot be stolen and is a key factor in achieving success.

Addressing students during the 7th convocation of CMR University, Mr. Gehlot said: "Education plays a pivotal role in achieving success in life. It is a valuable asset that benefits individuals in every aspect of their lives. A person's holistic development can only happen when they are educated. It provides us with technical knowledge and equips us with the ability to express our ideas effectively." Hari K. Marar, Managing Director and CEO, International Airport Limited, Bengaluru; K.C. Ramamurthy, Chairman of CMR Group of Institutions; Savita Ramamurthy, Chancellor of CMR University; and other dignitaries were present.

Raman Research Institute to host Open Day on Feb. 28

The Raman Research Institute (RRI) will celebrate National Science Day on February 28. With the objective of promoting scientific temper among schoolchildren and the public, RRI will hoist an Open Day and arrange live science demonstrations, documentary film, and visits to the Raman Museum and Archival Gallery.

Students from various government and private schools in Bengaluru and nearby areas are invited to attend. Apart from this, the institute is open to visitors. This year, over 800 students have confirmed participation. The occasion will also mark the inauguration of the RRI Archival Gallery. Both the RRI Museum and Archival Gallery will remain open on the day.

Text & Context

A weekday feature on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and a quiz. In the latest issue (February 24, Friday), the following explainer is available:

- The past and present of Russia's war in Ukraine
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Shiitake mushrooming in city's home gardens

The premium variety of mushrooms is now being cultivated by urban gardeners, says Indian Institute of Horticulture Research

The Hindu Bureau
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Shiitake is being grown in countries such as Japan, China, and South Korea. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Shiitake, the premium variety of mushrooms being grown only in a few countries such as Japan, China, and South Korea, is now being cultivated in Bengaluru by urban gardeners.

The Mushroom Research Lab at Indian Institute of Horticulture Research (IIHR) in Hessarghatta has been giving training to cultivate the shiitake mushroom and a few people have successfully started cultivating it in the city and other districts of Karnataka, according to IIHR officials.

Muthanna, a resident of east Bengaluru, has been cultivating shiitake mushrooms from the last few years. "This mushroom has good demand in restaurants and five-star hotels. However, there are a few challenges to grow it. Temperature should be below 18°C and sometimes, we cannot maintain the temperature and have to depend upon technology. By using technology to control the temperature, the yield is good."

Earlier, shiitake mushrooms were imported from Japan and China at exorbitant costs. It was domesticated and standardised for cultivation for Indian conditions by the Mushroom Research Lab.

Apart from Bengaluru, the cooler climes of Kodagu, Chikkamagaluru, Udhagamandalam, Coonoor, and Kodaikanal are particularly conducive to its cultivation. Chandrashekara C., senior scientist at Mushroom Research Lab, said: "Shiitake mushrooms are known for their medicinal properties, especially anticancer use and cholesterol-reduction ability. We have developed weather-friendly strains of shiitake. Those interested can buy these seeds from us by booking in advance."

"These varieties are normally grown in a situation where the temperature is below 25°C. The mushrooms could be cultivated in areas in and around Bengaluru without any artificial temperature control or also grown from July to January or February when the temperature is normally cool in the city," he added. Shiitake mushroom, according to officials, has been cultivated for over a thousand years now and is one of the popular sources of protein in China, Japan, and East Asia. They are now available at ₹1,200 to ₹2,000 a kg in Bengaluru, officials explained.

Ideal temperature

Apart from a few areas in Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu in South India, officials also said that a few north-eastern States like Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, and Arunachal Pradesh are highly suitable for cultivating shiitake in the natural environment and a few are already doing it.

The IIHR is demonstrating shiitake mushrooms at the annual National Horticulture Fair 2023 that will be held till February 25 in Hesaraghatta.

ED arrests one more accused in Raghavendra bank fraud case

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Enforcement Directorate (ED) officials arrested a borrower and defaulter, identified as Rajesh V.R., under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), on the charge of misappropriation of pubic deposits of more than ₹1,000 crore, in Bengaluru on Thursday.

Rajesh, according to the ED, is a major beneficiary of the funds siphoned off from Sri Guru Raghavendra Sahakara Bank Niyamitha in connivance with the management.

As per the RBI's inspection report, he has availed loans of ₹40.4 crore from the bank, and is yet to repay the same.

The investigation unearthed multiple FIRs against Rajesh and his wife pertaining fraud in other cooperative banks and societies also.

The ED had attached movable and immovable properties belonging to the accused valued at ₹45.32 crore. The same was confirmed by the Adjudicating Authority (PMLA), New Delhi in an order dated March 10, 2021. ED officials produced Rajesh before the Principal City Civil and Sessions judge who granted three days of custody for further investigation.

Earlier, an Enforcement Case Information Report (ECIR) was recorded by the ED based on an FIR registered under various sections of the Indian Penal Code and under section 9 of Karnataka Protection of Interest Depositors in Financial Establishments Act, 2004 by Bengaluru police against the bank and others.

According to the ED, the bank promised a high interest rate to depositors, which was not in line with the prevailing market rate. The bank officers created fictitious loan accounts, and transferred the money to these accounts without proper scrutiny of the loans. The funds were then transferred to overdue loan accounts for evergreening purposes to show strong financial health of the bank.

In February 2022, K. Ramakrishna, president of Sri Guru Raghavendra Sahakara Bank, was arrested by the ED for money laundering.

CM to inaugurate BMTC bus stand at Kalasipalyam today

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

After a long wait, the new Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) bus stand at Kalasipalyam will be inaugurated on Friday by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai. The bus stop, which has been built at a cost of ₹64 crore on an area of 4.3 acres, is expected to benefit lakhs of BMTC and Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation commuters.

The work on the bus stop started in 2016, although, according to senior officials in BMTC, the transfer of possession only occurred a few months ago. In 2021, *The Hindu* had reported that pending bills which came up to the tune of ₹16 crore had kept the bus stop from being transferred to the corporation. Even though most of construction work was finished by then, BMTC could not take possession due to pending bills.

"The inauguration of the bus stop took some time as the work had slowed down during the two-and-a-half years of pandemic. BMTC too had several financial constraints as buses were not operating on full scale. It was difficult to even pay the staff, let alone clear the bills," an official said.

Unsafe boarding points, traffic roadblocks, dumping of garbage where buses were parked, and lack of toilets were some of the problems faced by commuters and staffers due to the lack of a bus stop.

PUBLIC NOTICE

General public are hereby informed that, our client **Mrs.Varsha Kapoor** has lost the original as well as photocopy of Sale Agreement and Construction Agreement in respect of property bearing Apartment No.C1-2064 situated at **Whitefield Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk,** near Xerox Shop at Whitefield, Bangalore. If anybody found the said document please contact this **Nos.9844155041 and 7592891175.**

V.S.Rai & Associates, LAW FIRM
No.23,"Venkatadri" 6th Main,
5th Cross, S.R.Nagar, Bangalore-27.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that, my client, Mrs.Saraswathi Rangappa W/o.Late M.N.Rangappa, Aged about 52 years, residing at No.49, Lakshmi Venkateshwara Nilaya, 1st A Main, 2nd Cross, Kodigehalli Main Road, Bangalore-560036, has LOST THE ORIGINAL GIFT DEED DATED 24.11.2014, REGISTERED AS DOCUMENT NO.KRI-1-06204/2014-2015 OF BOOK-I, STORED IN CD NO.KRID537, IN THE OFFICE OF THE SENIOR SUB-REGISTRAR, KRISHNARAJAPURAM, BANGALORE, LOST AT KRISHNARAJAPURAM BUS STAND, ON 23.02.2023, BETWEEN 12:00AM TO 2:36PM. A Complaint is lodged in online dated 23.02.2023 vide Lost Report bearing No.0481872/2023, Finders may return the same to the near Police Station or contact at the below address.

BHASKAR.M,
ADVOCATES & LEGAL CONSULTANTS,
Office: No.739, 3rd Floor, 60th Cross,
Near Bhashyam Circle, 5th Block, Rajajinagar,
Bangalore -560 010 **Land line:** 080-48520073

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that our client **Mr. B. Mallikarjuna S/o Sri. B. Ramachandra,** aged about 32 years, has entered into a Sale Agreement dated 18/02/2023, with Smt. Deepa Prabakaran, to purchase the Western portion of Site No.22 and Eastern portion of Site No. 23, old Property No.27, New Property No.27/P1, situated at **Varanasi @ Jinkethimmanahalli, Bidarahalli Hobli,** jurisdiction Of BBMP Limits, Bangalore, more fully described in the Schedule hereunder. Any person /s entitles having any claim, right, title or interest over the schedule property or any part thereof in any manner objecting the sale of the schedule property may lodge their claim with documentary proof with the undersigned within **7 days** from the date of this public notice, after which our client shall proceed to complete the sale transaction with the owner and any claim or objection received thereafter will not be binding over the schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that Piece and Parcel of the IMMOVABLE HOUSE PROPERTY BEARING WESTERN PORTION OF **SITE No.22** AND EASTERN PORTION OF **SITE No.23,** OLD PROPERTY No.27 , NEW PROPERTY No.27/P1, SITUATED AT **VARANASI @ JINKETHIMMANAHALLI, BIDARAHALLI HOBLI,** JURISDICTION OF BBMP LIMITS, BANGALORE, MEASURING EAST TO WEST : 24 FEET AND NORTH TO SOUTH : 53 FEET, IN ALL MEASURING : 1272 SQUARE FEET., along with a RCC roofed House consisting of Ground Floor plus Terrace Floor having a SBA of 1100 Square Feet, with one Covered Car Parking Space and property being bounded on the :

East by : Eastern Portion of Site No.22,
West by : Middle Portion of Site No.23,
North by : Property belongs to Krishna Reddy S/o Jangama Reddy,
South by : 25 Feet Road.

BEENA.P.K, Advocate,
NEXTLEGAL SERVICES,
270/A, 4th Main 5th 'C' Cross
HAL 3rd Stage, Indiranagar
Bangalore-560075.
Mobile No. 91+9972092077

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our client **C.Maheshwaran S/o.Chinnaraj** is intending to purchase the schedule property mentioned hereunder from **Mrs.R.Sulochana D/o.Rengaswamy Gounder,** any person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof within **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate failing which; our client/s shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the **Site No. 97,** in Sy No. 71/2, measuring East to West 60 feet, North to South 40 feet, in all measuring 2400 Square Feet, situated at **Nadagowda Gollahalli, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore** and bounded on the:
East by : Road, West by : Site No.88, North by : Site No.98, South by : Site No. 96

C.K.V.K. LAW ASSOCIATES
Mr. VENKATESH CHANDRAN M.A., L.L.B.
Advocates & Legal Consultants
Bangalore-43. M: 9845846428, 7204863700

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client intends to purchase the immovable Property bearing which is more fully described in the schedule here in below for valuable consideration from its original owner **Mr. T K Chandra Mouli,** that if any person has any right title or right to claim over the schedule property they may come forward with the original documents and provide the manner of right, title in writing with the under sign, within **15 days** from today, on failure of any such objection/claim being received our client shall proceed with intended sale transaction and shall be deemed that no one has any right to claim over the schedule property right that may exist is waived off.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of House Property Bearing **No. 232,** BTM Layout, 2nd Stage, 1st Phase Extension, Bangalore, now comes under the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bengaluru, vide PID Number 85-27-232, measuring East to West: 12.19 Mtrs., and North to South: 9.14 Mtrs., totally measuring 111.42 Sq. Mtrs., together with all rights, with built up area Ground Floor 547 Sft & First Floor 547 Sft total 1094 Sft., bounded on the : **East by : Site No. 273, West by : Road, North by : Site No. 231 and South by : Site No. 233.**

GP Rao and Associates
#76, Murthy Building, 3rd Floor,
D.V.G Road, Nettakallappa Circle,
Basavanagudi, Bangalore - 560004
Tel-26621124 / 9343323453
Date : 21-02-2023 **Place :** Bangalore.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our clients **Sri. SHEK ZAWAD S/o. L.S. Ershad** is intending to purchase the schedule property mentioned hereunder from **Smt. MANGALA CHAKRAVARTHY D/o. Late M.N. Srinivasa Iyengar, W/o. Gopal Desikan Chakravarthy,** any person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof within **7 days** the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate failing which; our client/s shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of residential property bearing **No.308, H.M.T. Layout, Visveshwaraiah Nagar, PID No.96-2-308, BBMP Ward No.38-H.M.T, Bangalore-560032,** consisting of nine square house in ground floor with all civic amenities. Measuring East to West 30 feet North to South 50 feet, in all measuring **1500 square feet** and bounded on:
East by : Property No.309, West by : Property No.307, North by : Property No.319, South by : Road,

C.K.V.K. LAW ASSOCIATES
Mr. VENKATESH CHANDRAN M.A., L.L.B.
Advocates & Legal Consultants
Bangalore-43. M: 9845846428, 7204863700

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients SRI.VEERAVENKATA SATYANARAYANA INUKONDA, S/o. Sri. Inukonda Anjaneyulu and his wife SMT. USHA KIRAN KUMARI INUKONDA, have intend to purchase of the schedule property mentioned hereunder for a valuable consideration with its owner Sri. Vijaypal Reddy Moola S/o. Late. Janardhan Reddy Moola, Residing at No. 2-6-1297/A, Bhavani Nagar, Hanmakonda, Warangal, Andhra Pradesh-506001.

If any persons having any claims, right, title and interest whatsoever over the schedule property may forward their objections to the undersigned in writing with supporting documents of your such claims, within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which it will be deemed that there are no claims, right, title and interest by anybody and my client will proceed for completion of sale transaction and thereafter no claims will be considered.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Residential property bearing Site No.20, Panchayath Khata No. 3954/20, PID No. 150200101800404136, formed in converted land bearing Sy. No. 546/1, situated at Marasuru Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk. Measuring East to West 12.192 Mtrs. and North to South 12.192 Mtrs. in all measuring 148.64 Square Mtrs. and bounded on: East by : Road, West by : Private Property, North by: Site No. 21, South by : Site No. 19.

MANJUNATHA & ASSOCIATES
K. N. MANJUNATHA CHARY, ROOPA. B, & B.N. JAGADISH KUMAR, Advocates,
 # 96, 1 Floor, 1 Main, 4 Cross,
Maruthi Nagar, Madiwala, Bangalore-560068
Mob: 9845965626, 7406090832
BANGALORE, DATE : 23-02-2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice is issued on behalf of My client **Sri.Ramachandran.B S/o Balasubramaniam.K** to bring the notice of the general public that the **original Possession certificate Dated.16.02.2002,** issued by BDA **in the name of Sri.K.Balasubramaniam s/o Late N.Krishnamurthy is** missing / lost/ misplaced in respect of schedule property.

If any person/s, firm, company, institution or organization has any claim are holding the afore mentioned document, they may contact the undersigned in writing within **7 days** from the date of this notice failing which it will be presumed that there are no claims.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the residential immovable property bearing **site No.470, Third Block Banashankari Sixth Stage, Bangalore,** measuring east to west 24 meters and north to south 15 meters, in all measuring 360 Sq.meters, and bounded by: **East by : Road, West by : Site bearing No.481, North by : Site bearing No.471, South by : Site bearing No.469.**

H. Prahlada, Advocate & Solicitor,
For H.P.Law, #2, 3rd Floor, Venkateshwara Complex, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore-560022
M : 7760061073

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client SRI. ULLASA, S/o. Sri. Krishna has intend to purchase of the schedule property mentioned hereunder for a valuable consideration with its owners Smt. Rajitha Vakiti, W/o. Sri. M. Jayakrishna Reddy & Smt. Pudukapu Vanitha W/o. Sri. Vijapal Reddy both are Residing at Bhushanraopet, Mandal Katlaput, District-Karimnagar, Andhra Pradesh-505462.

If any persons having any claims, right, title and interest whatsoever over the schedule property may forward their objections to the undersigned in writing with supporting documents of your such claims, within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which it will be deemed that there are no claims, right, title and interest by anybody and my client will proceed for completion of sale transaction and thereafter no claims will be considered.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Residential property bearing Site No.24, Panchayath Khata No. 3958/24, PID No. 150200101800404140, formed in converted land bearing Sy. No. 546/1, situated at Marasuru Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk. Measuring East to West 40 Sq. Ft and North to South 30 Sq. Ft. in all measuring 1200 Square Feet. and bounded on: East by : Road, West by : Private Property, North by :Private Property, South by : Site No. 23.

MANJUNATHA & ASSOCIATES
K. N. MANJUNATHA CHARY, ROOPA. B, & B.N. JAGADISH KUMAR, Advocates,
 # 96, 1 Floor, 1 Main, 4 Cross,
Maruthi Nagar, Madiwala, Bangalore-560068
Mob: 9845965626, 7406090832
BANGALORE, DATE : 23-02-2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients SRI.VEERAVENKATA SATYANARAYANA INUKONDA, S/o. Sri. Inukonda Anjaneyulu and his wife SMT. USHA KIRAN KUMARI INUKONDA, have intend to purchase of the schedule property mentioned hereunder for a valuable consideration with its owner Smt. Aruna Devi W/o. Sri. Vijaypal Reddy Moola, Residing at No. 2-6-1297/A, Bhavani Nagar, Hanmakonda, Warangal, Andhra Pradesh-506001.

If any persons having any claims, right, title and interest whatsoever over the schedule property may forward their objections to the undersigned in writing with supporting documents of your such claims, within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which it will be deemed that there are no claims, right, title and interest by anybody and my client will proceed for completion of sale transaction and thereafter no claims will be considered.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Residential property bearing Site No.23, Panchayath Khata No. 3957/23, PID No. 150200101800404139, formed in converted land bearing Sy. No. 546/1, situated at Marasuru Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk. Measuring East to West 12.192 Mtrs. and North to South 9.144 Mtrs. in all measuring 111.48 Square Mtrs. and bounded on: East by : Road, West by : Private Property, North by : Site No. 24, South by : Site No. 22.

MANJUNATHA & ASSOCIATES
K. N. MANJUNATHA CHARY, ROOPA. B, & B.N. JAGADISH KUMAR, Advocates,
 # 96, 1 Floor, 1 Main, 4 Cross,
Maruthi Nagar, Madiwala, Bangalore-560068
Mob: 9845965626, 7406090832
BANGALORE, DATE : 23-02-2023

CAUVERY NEERAVARI NIGAMA LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Office of the Executive Engineer, Hemavathy Right Bank Canal Division, Holenarasipura - 573211

Short term Tender Notification No. 22/2022-23
Dated: 23.02.2023

Item ratetender is invited through e-procurement portal only for the below mentioned work in two cover system as per KW-3 Format by the Executive Engineer, HemavathyRight Bank canal Division, Holenarasipura Hassan Dist., Karnataka State on behalf of the Managing Director, Cauvery NeeravariNigama Limited, Bangalore from the eligible Contractors of KPWD/CPWD/Other Public Sector Organizations. The details of events are below. 1.Tender processing charges (in Rs.) :Refer as per e-Procurement. 2.The contractor can have access to e-tender document from 23.02.2023 to 03.03.2023up to 4.00 pm. 3.Last date for submission of tender is 03.03.2023 up to 4.00 pm. 4.Cover –I (Technical bid) will be opened in the office of Executive Engineer, CNNL, Hemavathi right bank canal division Holenarasipuraon 06.03.2023at 11.00 AM. 5.Cover –II (Financial bid)07.03.2023or after approval of technical bid. 6.No. of work: 8 Packageworks 7.Nature of work: CC road and drain, Temple works 8.Cost of work: Varying from Rs. 50.72lakhs to Rs. 80.14 lakhs 9.EMD: Varying from Rs. 1.01lakhs to Rs. 1.60 lakhs 10.Class of Contractor:Class-III and above. Note:- 1.The under signed reserves rights to reject or accept the tenders at any time without giving any reasons. 2.The amount put to tender is subject to variation and the details of tender can be had in the e-procurement portal www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in and also during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, CNNL, HRBC Division, Holenarasipura

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, CENTRAL (R&B) CIRCLE , BHUBANESWAR.
Mail i.d. : seccbbsr@gmail.com

E-procurement Short Tender Call Notice No.16 of 2022-23
No.712 (Estg.) Bhubaneswar the 21st February-2023

The Chief Construction Engineer, Central (R&B) Circle Bhubaneswar on behalf of the Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate bids for one number Pre-fab Composite Building work to be received in online bidding, double cover system for construction work as detailed in : **https://tendersorissa.gov.in**. The details of bid documents will be available in the above website from **11.00 A.M. of 24.02.2023 to 3.00 P.M of 02.03.2023**. The bidders must possess compatible Digital Signature Certificate of Class II or III. Bids received online shall be opened at **5.00 P.M. of 02.03.2023** in the Office of the Chief Construction Engineer, Central (R&B) Circle, Bhubaneswar.

Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal **www.tendersorissa.gov.in**.

Addendum / Corrigendum, if required, will be available only in the Website.

Sd/- Er. T.K.Panda
Chief Construction Engineer, Central (R&B) Circle, Bhubaneswar.
B-1280 : **OIPR-34156/11/0019/2223**

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, KENDRAPARA-JAJPUR
AT/PO - NAYABAZAR, CUTTACK - 753004, Tel No. 0671-2444488, Email - serw_kpd@yahoo.com

No: Tender Online RCK-06/23 **e-Procurement NOTICE** **Letter No.- 599 Date:- 21.02.23**

1.Name of the Work : Tender for the road projects of Constituency wise R.D.Roads developed under TRIP/ MMSY/CMRL/Existing Road Scheme during 2022-23 in the Dist. of Kendrapara & Jajpur.
2.Class of Contractor : As specified in the Column-6 of the Annexure.
3.Time for Completion : As Specified in the Column - 7 of the Annexure.
4.Detail Projects : As per Annexure attached
5.Other Details :

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding		Last Date & Time of seeking tender clarification	Date & Time of opening of tender	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Kendrapara-Jajpur	**Tender Online RCK- 06/23**	**02.03.2023 at 11.30 A.M.**	**16.03.2023 to 5.00 P.M.**	**15.03.2023 up to 02.00 P.M.**	**17.03.2023 at 11.30 A.M.**	**To be intimated later**

Further details can be seen from the website **www.tendersorissa.gov.in**

Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Kendrapara-Jajpur
O-1895: **OIPR-25129/11/0056/2223**

KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Under Taking)
Office of the Executive Engineer KBJNL SBC O&M Division
Khanapur. Tq: Shahapur Dist: Yadgiri Email Id: kbjnleesbc2@gmail.com

NO. KBJNL/SBC/O&M/Divn/Kpur/Tender/B'flank/PB/2022-23/935,936,937
Dated: 20-02-2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(ONLY THROUGH ELECTRONIC TENDER SYSTEM)

On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL Bangalore, the Executive Engineer KBJNL, SBC O&M Division Khanapur. Tq: Shahapur Dist: Yadgir invites short term percentage tenders in two Cover system from the eligible Contractors for the works mentioned in the table below.

The blank tenders can be obtained through www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in and can be submitted through electronic tender box.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE DETAILS OF THE WORKS PUT TO E-TENDERING

1.Work details: Indent No. 24162, 24167 & 24170 2) Amount Put to tender: Indent No. 24162 = Rs. 10259.65 Lakhs. Indent No. 24167 = Rs. 7824.58 Lakhs. Indent No. 24170 = Rs. 8505.22 Lakhs. 3.E.M.D amount put to tender Indent No. 24162 = Rs. 121.06 Lakhs. Indent No. 24167 = Rs. 92.33 Lakhs. Indent No. 24170 = Rs. 100.36 Lakhs. 3) The contractor can have access to the electronic document, i.e Tender Schedules, bid documents and other documents in the website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in on payment of tender processing fee (non-refundable). From dated: 22.02.2023 at 10:30 AM upto dated: 08.03.2023 till 04:00 PM 4.The last date & time for submission of electronic documents through e-portal: On date:08.03.2023 upto 04.00 PM.5) Date & time for opening of electronic document first (Technical bid): On dated:09.03.2023 @ 05.00 PM. 6.The electronic document second (financial bid) of pre-qualified contractor will opened on: On dated: 10.03.2023 @ 05.00 PM or After approval of Technical bid. 7.For more information contact details: Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, SBC O&M Division, Khanapur of Shahapur Taluka, Yadgir Dist. 8.) Website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in

NOTE: - Further information may be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours or from http:www.eprocurement.Karnataka.gov.in.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, KBJNL,SBC O&M Division, Khanapur.

DIP/Yadagiri/482/K.S.M.C&A 2022-23

FROM THE LIMELIGHT

A still from the film, *Dangerous Minds*.

Teachers in film: Never too cool for school

Whether in Hollywood or Hindi cinema, teachers, irrespective of the subject they are meant to teach, are more often than not life coaches showing troubled teens the way, with a mix of tough love, innovative practices and humour

Mini Anthikad Chhibber

A person accepts a temporary teaching position in a school in a tough neighbourhood filled with sullen, rebellious teenagers. The students give the teacher a harrowing time, who reciprocates with innovative methods and understanding, breaking through their resentment and disadvantages, turning them into bright, sparkling diamonds.

If you recognise this as the plot of *To Sir, With Love* (1967), or *Dangerous Minds* (1995), or *Hichki* (2018), you get an A++ and a golden star. *To Sir, With Love,* based on E.R. Braithwaite's 1959 autobiographical novel, features Sidney Poitier as the engineer from British Guyana, who takes up a teaching job at an East End Secondary School after an unsuccessful 18-month job hunt. Braithwaite apparently loathed the film and Poitier's character has come in for some flak for the Magical Negro trope, but the British film has always been popular for its predictable sentimentality.

Dangerous paradise

The awfully contrived *Dangerous Minds* is best remembered for Michelle Pfeiffer as retired U.S. Marine LouAnne Johnson turning up to teach in a leather jacket and Coolio's Grammy-award winning 'Gangsta's Paradise'. Based on Johnson's autobiography, *My Posse Don't Do Homework*, *Dangerous Minds* was stuffed with too many stereotypes, and talked to a mainly white audience, to be an effective thesis on education, race or privilege. It was rescued in part by Pfeiffer's all-in performance.

Rani Mukherjee as Naina Mathur in *Hichki* again gets a tough teaching assignment after a fruitless job hunt. Like Poitier's character who takes his students out of the class on field trips and Johnson who teaches literature through Bob Dylan songs (unfortunately not rap), Naina uses examples from real life to illustrate scientific principles.

Carpe Diem

Everyone remembers Robin Williams as the eccentric English teacher, John Keating, in Peter Weir's *Dead Poets Society* (1989). Set in 1959, in an elite boys' boarding school in Vermont, *Dead Poets Society* tells the story of the newly joined Keating showing the boys it is alright to follow their hearts, seize the day and make their lives extraordinary. Ethan Hawke, incidentally, plays one of Keating's students, Todd Anderson.

Shah Rukh Khan, with designer glasses, soft sweaters, and a violin was Keating's counterpart in Aditya Chopra's 2000 film, *Mohabbatein*. Amitabh Bachchan, as the stern headmaster, was the counterfoil to King Khan in this saccharine sweet movie abounding in plastic love stories.

Laugh a little

There are times when teachers provide comic relief. Boman Irani as Asthana in Rajkumar Hirani's *Munna Bhai M.B.B.S.* (2003) and Irani again as Viru Sahastrabuddhe in Hirani's 2009 blockbuster, *3 Idiots,* got quite a lot of laughs as did Archana Puran Singh as Ms. Braganza in Karan Johar's *Kuch Kuch Hota Hai* (1998).

Back in the day there was Hrishikesh Mukherjee's charming *Chupke Chupke* (1975) where Big B, an English professor, changes places with a botany professor, Parimal Tripathi, played by Dharmendra resulting in the famous *karela*/corolla mix-up. Gulzar's *Parichay* (1972), finds Jeetendra hired to teach the grandchildren of a strict colonel, played by Pran. The film, inspired by *The Sound of Music*, featured a killer sound track by R.D. Burman ('Musafir hoon Yaaron' among others).

Hollywood films have a preponderance of English teachers dispensing life lessons. Brendan Fraser as Charlie in 'The Whale' being the most recent example

Some teachers use kindness and understanding to bring out the best in their wards like Aamir Khan in *Taare Zameen Par* (2007), and others who use tough love for the good of their students. Amitabh Bachchan in Sanjay Leela Bhansali's 2005 film, *Black*, is one such. His character, Debraj Sahai, uses harsh and unconventional methods to mould Michelle McNally (Rani Mukerji) into a better person.

There is also the terrifying J.K. Simmons goading and manipulating the young jazz drummer played by Miles Teller in Damien Chazelle's *Whiplash* (2014). And what about the horrid teacher who scoffs at Pink's poems in Alan Parker's *Pink Floyd - The Wall* (1982)? Who can blame the children for falling into the meat grinder of the education system with such teachers?

Hollywood films have a preponderance of English teachers dispensing life lessons. Brendan Fraser's Oscar-nominated turn as the morbidly obese Charlie in *The Whale* being the most recent example. In Gus Van Sant's *Finding Forrester* (2000), Sean Connery's Salinger-ish author, William Forrester, while not being a teacher in the formal sense, does help a Black teenager played by Rob Brown hone his talent.

Connery, incidentally, played a professor of Medieval Literature in *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade* (1989) while his archaeologist-professor son, played by Harrison Ford was happier fighting Nazis than dealing with pretty co-eds who wrote naughty messages on their eyelids.

In Hindi films, apart from music, it is mainly the sciences with the rockstar teachers, the latest in the line being Hrithik Roshan in Vikas Bahl's *Super 30* (2019). There is no place for humanities in the present climate, even though one would not mind being in a classroom where Hrithik is holding forth on complex mathematics.

Whether exhorting one to be honest – as Charlie does to his students online, learning from Walt Whitman, or figuring out the chemistry of cooking, whether it is a story of the teacher or the students, in a classroom, a piano recital or a sports field (*Chak De! India* anyone?), a coming together of the teacher and the taught guarantees heart-breaking drama, with a dash of humour and adventure.

THE DAILY QUIZ

A quiz on the works of noted filmmaker Sanjay Leela Bhansali, who turns 60 on February 24

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

V.V. Ramanan

QUESTION 1
Bhansali started his career as an assistant director in *Parinda* and was a co-writer in *1942: A Love Story*. Who directed these two popular films?

QUESTION 2
Name the flick starring Salman Khan and Manisha Koirala that saw Bhansali debut as a director 27 years ago.

QUESTION 3
Name Bhansali's love-triangle opus that had Salman Khan, Aishwarya Rai and Ajay Devgn, and which won four National Awards.

QUESTION 4
Which 2002 work received a BAFTA nomination and was India's entry to the Oscars?

QUESTION 5
Name the film adaptation of the work by Malik Muhammad Jayasi that earned Bhansali the National Film Award for Best Music Direction.

QUESTION 6
Under what title did Bhansali release a film adaptation of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet?

QUESTION 7
Which National Award-winning film on an Olympic-medal-winning athlete was produced by Bhansali?

QUESTION 8
With which civilian award was Bhansali honoured with in 2015?

Visual question:
Name the short story which was made into a Bhansali film that saw these two actors make their debut.

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. What kind of engine propels an EV? **Ans: Electric Motor**
2. Which electric vehicle manufacturer is based in Palo Alto, California, and was founded by Elon Musk in 2003? **Ans: Tesla Inc**
3. What is the name of the electric vehicle that was produced by General Motors from 1996 to 1999? **Ans: GM EV1**
4. Who invented the first electric car and in what year was it made? **Ans: Robert Anderson; 1839**
5. As of 2022, which country has the highest rate of electric car adoption, as a percentage of total car sales? **Ans: Norway**
6. What is the name of the electric car that is produced by Chevrolet and has a range of over 200 miles on a single charge? **Ans: Bolt**
Visual question: Name the academician from IIT Madras who has proposed India adopt swappable batteries in order to push adoption of EVs in India. **Ans: Ashok Jhunjhunwala**
Early Birds: C. Saravanan | Parth Sharma | Swati Chaurasia

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

K. Subrahmanian

Dr. N.N. Prahallada, Regional College of Education, Mysore and Mr. N.V.S. Vedamurthy, Lawsons Bay, Vizag want to know the meaning and pronunciation of 'dies non.'

It is a legal term which means 'day on which no legal business is done, day that does not count or cannot be used.' This is a Latin expression. 'Dies' is pronounced like the word 'die' plus the word 'ease'. That is, it is pronounced 'dieease'. The 'o' in 'non' is pronounced like the 'o' in 'got'.

The Government of Andhra Pradesh issued a statement that if the striking employees did not report for duty by December 15, they would face dies non.

That is, the days they did not work would not count towards their salary; no work, no pay.

Dr. T. Ramadas of Moturu wants to know why the word 'exploitation' has both a good and a bad sense.

'Exploit' was used originally in the sense of 'achieve, to turn to account, to act with effect, utilise'.

The natural resources of the country should be exploited.

'Exploit' is used in a bad sense when someone uses somebody or something for his/her own profit.

He is exploiting her goodness.
Britain exploited her colonies.

Words develop new meanings with time. A word can have both a bad and a good connotation.

The word 'clever' is another example. The usual meaning is 'ingenious, talented, skilful.' In certain contexts, it can also mean 'ingenious and intelligent but lacking in depth, soundness or morality.'

A clever poem is not the same as a good poem.

A clever poem is a skilfully contrived poem without much depth.

T.V. Sankara Kumaru of Tirunelveli wants to know the difference between 'brochure', 'booklet' and 'monograph'.

A booklet is a small book. It could be any book on any subject. 'Let' is added to some words to indicate the smallness of size.

Starlet – a small star. A brochure is a small pamphlet which gives details about a place or an object.

Do you have a brochure on Mahabalipuram?

A monograph is a treatise. It deals with a serious subject in a scholarly fashion.

Word of the day

Saliency:
the quality of being noticeable or important

Synonyms: remarkable, striking, prominent

Usage: *The saliency maps supported findings from other studies*

Pronunciation: https://bit.ly/3xLk1Rd

International Phonetic Alphabet: /ˈseɪlɪəns/

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Winter-summer transition triggers gastroenterological and respiratory illnesses

Cough, cold, fever, sore throat, fatigue, respiratory difficulty, bronchitis, vomiting, and diarrhoea are some of the symptoms reported in patients, according to city doctors

Jahnavi T.R.
BENGALURU

Bengaluru's transition from winter to summer, apart from making residents feel the heat, has also brought about an onset of respiratory and gastroenterological illnesses.

Hospitals across the city have noticed an uptick in the number of patients who are visiting the Out Patient Departments (OPD) in the last two weeks, while it has also been observed that some of the symptoms are taking over a week to subside.

Cough, cold, fever, sore throat, fatigue respiratory difficulty, bronchitis, vomiting, and diarrhoea are some of the symptoms seen largely among patients, doctors said.

Hospitals across the city have noticed an uptick in the number of patients visiting OPDs in the last two weeks. FILE PHOTO

Transition months

"During the seasonal transition period, people are prone to infections and allergies. Primarily, viral infections are very common during this period. The transition months from December to March evokes many infections, particularly common flu. Gastroenteritis infection is seen at the onset of summer season," said K.P. Balaraj, senior consultant, Internal Medicine, SPARSH Hospital. The doctors also spoke about how construction work in the city could be a contributor to the allergies. "The weather suddenly got very dry. To add to it, most roads are not well laid and in bad condition and dusty. As it is also the onset of the spring season, fallen leaves and increase in pollen could also lead to allergies," said Shylaja Shyamsundar, general physician, Bhagwan Mahaveer Jain Hospital.

> The weather suddenly got very dry. To add to it, most roads are not well laid and in bad condition and dusty. Increase in pollen can lead to allergies.
>
> **SHYLAJA SHYAMSUNDAR**
> Bhagwan Mahaveer Jain Hospital

Symptoms persist

She added that patients who had no respiratory problems before were reporting such symptoms the last few days. "For those who had prior conditions, like bronchitis, we have seen an exaggeration in symptoms. For many, symptoms like fever and severe tiredness subsides in a day or two, but cough and cold persists for 10 to 15 days."

In children too

The number of bacterial and viral infection cases among children has also increased, with even babies having symptoms like vomiting and diarrhoea in the last few days, according to the doctors.

"The symptoms are being observed in the paediatric population which is school going. Schoolchildren are exposed to infections and the cycle continues in case they have a sibling at home. They can also pass it on to parents and other elders," said Prachi Bhosle, consultant paediatrician, Apollo Cradle and Children's Hospital, Marathahalli

Precautionary measures

- Avoid consumption of food and water outside
- Avoid cold food and drinks during transition period
- Wear masks when outside
- Get flu vaccination for children on time
- Avoid sharing food and water at schools

Board exam for classes 5, 8 from March 13

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BENGALURU

Board exam for classes 5 and 8 will held from March 13 to 18 across the State, according to the timetable released by the Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board.

It has instructed schools to conduct practical/oral exams from March 6 to 10. For classes 5 and 8, the board will send the question papers and the evaluation will be held at the school level.

Timings
BENGALURU

FRIDAY, FEB. 24		
RISE	06:38	SET 18:27
RISE	09:39	SET 22:24
SATURDAY, FEB. 25		
RISE	06:38	SET 18:28
RISE	10:21	SET 23:18
SUNDAY, FEB. 26		
RISE	06:37	SET 18:28
RISE	11:05	SET 00:00

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	32	20
Mysuru	33	14
Bengaluru	32	16

Bengaluru Today
32°C The weather will be dry. Morning will be cool with mist and haze. Day will be little warm. Night also will be cool and hazy.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
31°C A dry weather to continue. Day will be slight warm. Night will be slight cool with haze and mist.

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Autorickshaw driver killed in accident

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A 54-year-old autorickshaw driver was killed on the spot when a speeding goods vehicle knocked down his auto before running over him on West of Chord Road on Thursday. Chandrappa, a resident of Kamalanagar, was hit by the goods vehicle.

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Shri M. Lakshminarayan
Chairman, WABCO India Ltd., and TVS Automotive Solutions Pvt. Ltd.

Shri Sachin B. Sabnis
Managing Director, Belgaum Ferrocast India Pvt. Ltd., (BFPL)

Date : 24-02-2023 at 11:30 AM
Venue : Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Auditorium "Jnana Sangama", VTU, Belagavi

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Hon'ble Minister for Transport and Scheduled Tribes Welfare

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Sri Uday B. Garudachar
Hon'ble MLA, Chickkapete Assembly Constituency

Date: Friday, 24th of February, 2023 at 5.00 PM. Venue: Premises of Kalasipalya New Bus Station, Bengaluru.

Achievements of
Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation

- BMTC has added **390 eco-friendly electric buses** to its fleet and plans to add **3445 buses** including **1051 electric buses** in the near future, which is more than 50% of the existing fleet.
- Yelahanka and Bidadi Depots of BMTC are being converted into fully operational Electric Bus Depots.
- BMTC is providing Smart Card passes to students for the past three years and in this year **348604 students** were given free/concessional passes and **339547 construction labourers** were given free passes.
- Under Hon'ble Chief Minister's Skill Karnataka Scheme and Nirbhaya Scheme, **1199 candidates & 1068 women** respectively were given free light/heavy vehicle driving training.
- Under Nirbhaya Scheme **2659 women employees** of BMTC were given self defence training and effective training on gender sensitization.
- Under Nirbhaya Scheme, for the benefit of women 16 Women waiting lounges with Rest rooms/Toilets are constructed at various Bus Stations/TTMC of BMTC.

- Under Nirbhaya Scheme, for women safety a Mobile App development, installation of CCTV/Panic button in **5000 buses and 500 Passenger** Information System in bus stations have been taken up.
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- During Covid-19 financial crisis, the Government has provided a grant/subsidy of **Rs. 2,915 crores** from the financial year 2020-21 to 2022-23.
- BMTC has bagged a **total of 126 awards** so far from Central Government, State Government and various reputed organizations for providing better transport services to public passengers and implementing eco-friendly/modern initiatives.

Sri B. Sriramulu
Hon'ble Minister for Transport and Scheduled Tribes Welfare inaugurating the Bus Depot

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Give BJP a chance to make Karnataka corruption-free: Shah

While the BJP has the ideology of cultural nationalism, Congress has no ideology, says Union Home Minister

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Union Home Minister Amit Shah at the Vijay Sankalp Yatra in Sandur, Ballari district, on Thursday. SRIDHAR KAVALI

While the BJP government in poll-bound Karnataka is facing a slew of corruption allegations, Union Home Minister Amit Shah appealed to people to give the saffron party another chance to make the State free of corruption.

"Give a chance to BJP, and we will make Karnataka corruption-free in the next five years. We will make Karnataka the number one State in south India," Mr. Shah said at the Vijay Sankalp Yatra in Sandur, Ballari district, on Thursday.

"In 2018, when the BJP emerged as the single largest party with a shortfall of a few seats for a simple majority, the Congress-JD(S) coalition began its game of corruption in the State. Both Congress and JD (S) are dynastic parties and cannot do anything for the welfare of poor," Mr. Shah said.

Later in the evening, participating in an interaction in Bengaluru at Town Hall, Mr. Shah said that while the BJP has the "ideology of cultural nationalism", the Congress has no ideology.

Congress as 'SPV'

"There are four major kinds of political parties working in Indian. All the socialist parties gradually turned into casteist parties and then became dynastic parties. Communist parties are vanishing across the globe. Congress party was not born with any ideology. It was an organisation constituting intellectuals. I don't deny its contribution in the Independence of the nation, but it neither had any cultural ideology nor any ideology related to economy and formation of the nation. Congress could better be termed as a Special Purpose Vehicle for Independence. The objective of Congress was to free India from colonial rule. This was the reason Mahatma Gandhi called to dissolve the Congress after India attained independence," he said.

"The first pillar of BJP's ideology is cultural nationalism. Except India, all the countries of the world are geo-political countries whereas our country is a geo-cultural country. I have seen Krishna in Manipuri dance, Krishna in Garba of Gujarat, have listened to Krishna's stories in the Bharatnatyam. Such is the beauty of our nation, our geo-cultural nation," he said.

Do not talk of city being 'in a mess' and dent its image: CM

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BENGALURU

Congress member P.R. Ramesh raises issue of garbage disposal transfer stations not being set up in the city

Denying accusations that Bengaluru is in a mess due to unscientific waste disposal, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said "Bengaluru is not in a mess and we will ensure that it does not happen."

Responding to Congress member P.R. Ramesh, who raised the issue of garbage disposal transfer stations not being set up even after four years in the city, the Chief Minister said payments to contractors will be stopped if they violate the garbage contract tender conditions. "We have clearly mentioned that the credit line and security amount is being taken as per tender conditions. They have to strictly follow the conditions," Mr. Bommai said.

When Mr. Ramesh said Bengaluru is "in a mess", Mr. Bommai said: "Do not make such a statement and dent the image of Bengaluru. There may be some pockets with garbage accumulation but it is wrong to say that the entire city is in a mess."

Responding to another question by JD(S) member Marithibbe Gowda, Mr. Bommai said the State government will initiate appropriate measures to protect government properties and prevent misuse.

On the connivance of BDA officials in illegally reselling government land to private persons after it is officially allotted to beneficiaries, he said stringent action will be initiated against them.

"We are also aware that there are several problems in layout formation after land acquisition due to legal issues. We will initiate measures to ensure no legal issues crop up after land acquisition," he added.

IISc develops computational model to simulate lightning strike on aircraft

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Tejas aircraft under lightning current injection experiment. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Researchers at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) have developed a unique computational model to simulate how lightning can strike an aircraft. IISc said that the insights they have obtained from this model can help design better lightning protective measures for aircraft.

Lightning strikes can damage the aircraft surface, lead to temporary disruptions in electrical and electronic systems, or even cause permanent damage, and in extreme cases, cause ignition of the fuel-air mixture around the engine, leading to an explosion. "Usually, an aircraft gets struck by lightning once every 1,000 hours. There have been a lot of incidents in the last century where things have been very catastrophic," said Udaya Kumar, professor, Department of Electrical Engineering, IISc, whose lab has been investigating this phenomenon in recent years.

The model developed by the IISc team is applied to two different aircraft geometries: a DC10 passenger aircraft and the SDM fighter aircraft model. It involves extensive computation of the electric field around the aircraft and suitable modelling of the electrical discharges.

With the model, the scientists were able to obtain estimates of the minimum ambient electric field required for initiation of lightning leader discharges from the aircraft.

These values, the researchers say, are in good agreement with measured data from instrumented aircraft flown through thunderstorms, such as NASA's Storm Hazard Program.

IISc said that Mr. Kumar's lab has also carried out a first-of-its-kind experiment on a small military aircraft by injecting it with enormous amounts of current - intended to emulate lightning discharge - and by collecting electric field data from inside the craft.

Teacher found dead in city

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A high school teacher from Raichur district, who had come to participate in the protest by the teachers' association, allegedly ended his life due to depression over financial problems on Wednesday night.

Shankarappa N. Boreddy, 55, had come along with three of his colleagues to take in the protest demanding revival of pension scheme at Freedom Park three days ago. While his colleagues returned by bus on Wednesday night, Shankarappa stayed back stating that he will take the train.

The police suspect that on Wednesday night, he jumped before a train. Girijamma, wife of the deceased, in her complaint said Shankarappa was depressed as a woman from Bengaluru, identified as Nandini, had cheated him by availing a personal loan of ₹28 lakh through him and did not return the money.

The police found a note from the pocket of Shankarappa that said that he had taken the extreme step due to financial problems and for being childless.

(Those in distress or those having suicidal tendencies can call Arogya Sahayavani Ph.: 104 for help.)

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I, ANJALI D/O Joginder Singh born on 04–Feb–91 residing at # 47, Chhatthehr, Una, H.P. 174307, have changed my name to Anjali Sindhu vide affidavit dated 20–Feb–23 at Bangalore

I Vishwanath Hiremath alias Vishwanath K H M S/o Pramathanath K H M , residing at 72/73, 6th Cross Manjunatha Layout Munnekolala, Po: Marathahalli Colony, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560037, have changed my name to Srinivas Mukund for all purposes in future.

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I Deekshitha Chinnakambhamrami Reddy D/o Surendranadha Reddy Chinnakambham R/o G133, Sjr Palazza City Doddakannelli, B'lore, 560035 have changed my name to Deekshitha Chinnakhambham

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I, VIBIN Kiliyanthara Vijayan, S/o K.Vijayan, R/at No.21, Srinivasa Anandhi Nilayam, 3rd Cross, Pooja Garden, Kalere Post, Bengaluru-560043, have changed my name from Vibin Kiliyanthara Vijayan to Vipin Kiliyanthara Vijayan vide affidavit dated 23-02-2023 before Notary Uday Kumar.K, Bengaluru.

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I, ASMITA Anil Mutha, residing at Shri Sankalp Appt, Flat No. 002, Plot No. 37, MCCH Society, Opp Dew Drop School, Navi Mumbai, Panvel, Raigarh - 410206, have changed my name to Asmita Bhalgat vide Affidavit dated 22.02.2023 before Notary Onkarappa N.R., Bengaluru- 560021

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SHAIK MAHAMMAD JANI BASHA** S/o Shaik Babavali, aged about 34 years, R/at Flat No. 10905, 9th Floor, Tower-1, Nikoo Homes-1, Bhartiya City, Thanisandra Main Road, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560064, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SHAIK MAHAMMAD JANI BASHA** to **SHAIK MOHAMMAD JAIN BASHA**, vide affidavit dated 22-02-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **RAVI KUMAR .V** at Bangalore.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF 73rd ADDL CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH74)
O.S. NO. 25353/2022
BETWEEN :
M/s. ICICI BANK LIMITED Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore 560001 Represented by its Manager and power of Attorney Holder Mr. Pramodh G. AND 1. Mr. J Jagamareddy S/o. Rami Reddy, Aged about 44 years No. 67/68, 2nd Floor, B2, 1st A Main Road, Muni Subba Reddy Layout, Hongasandra Main Road, Garvebhavi Playa, Bangalore- 560068. 2. Mrs. Nandeeswari D/o. Nandyala Venlataramma Reddy Aged about 35 years, (Address as shown above)

Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of Rs. 3,44,582.20/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Forty Four Thousand Five Hundred and Eighty Two and Paise Twenty Only), apart from future interest of 13.03% p.a., in O.S.No. 25353/2022 and same is pending adjudication in CCH74, Before 73rd Addl., City Civil Court. Mayohall Bengaluru.
You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the 27th Day of March 2023 at 11:00 A.M. to answer to the same, if failed the suit Will decided in your absence, Ex-parte.
Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the 21st day of February, 2023.

By Order of Court,
Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court Mayo Hall
BANGALURU- 560 001

FX & CO.,
ADVOCATES,
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Gover Road, Cox Town,
BENGALURU- 560 005.

IN THE COURT OF 73rd ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-74)
O.S. NO. 26811/2022
BETWEEN :
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Land Mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400 051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 068
Represented by its POA Holder
Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa
...Plaintff
AND
Sri. Kasireddy Prathappa Reddy ...Defendant
Summons to Defendant
To,
Sri. Kasireddy Prathappa Reddy, S/o Sri. Narasimha Reddy, Aged about 32 years, Sri Balaji P G, Near Sunrise Bakery, Krishna Reddy Layout, Electronic City, Bangalore-560 100
WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of **Rs.9,80,787/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Eighty Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Seven Only)** together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 73rd Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH-74) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 24-03-2023 at 11.00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 10.02.2023

BY ORDER OF THE
HON'BLE COURT
DEPUTY REGISTRAR
CITY CIVIL COURT
MAYOHALL UNIT, BANGALORE
ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
SA Associates,
No.10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560 047

IN THE COURT OF THE 73rd ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-74)
O.S. NO. 26864/2022
Between
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Land Mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400 051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 068
Represented by its POA Holder
Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa
...Plaintiff
And
Sri. Shivakumar
...Defendant
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT
To,
Sri. Shivakumar,
S/o. Sri. Dodda Ningegowda, Aged about 48 years, No. 331, Antony Vatara, Basavanapura, Gottigere Post, Begur Hobli, BG Road, Bangalore- 560 083
WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of Rs. 4,04,990/- (Rupees Four Lakh Four Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Only) together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 73rd Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH-74) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 24- 03-2023 at 11:00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.
Given under my hand and seal of the Hon'ble court on this 10/02/2023

BY ORDER OF THE
HON'BLE COURT,
DEPUTY REGISTRAR
CITY CIVIL COURT
MAYO HALL UNIT
BANGALORE
ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
SA Associates,
No.10, 7th Cross,
Victoria Layout,
Bangalore - 560 047

IN THE COURT OF 73rd ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH-74)
O.S. NO. 26915/2022
Between
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Land Mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400 051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 068
Represented by its POA Holder
Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa
...Plaintiff
AND
Mrs. Anniyammal A
...Defendant
Summons to Defendants
To,
Mrs. Anniyammal A, D/o Mr. Anthony Swamy, Aged about 31 years, No.9, Ashwathappa Layout, Subbayyana Palya, Bangalore North, Kalyan Nagar, Bangalore- 560 043
WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of **Rs. 4,02,866/- (Rupees Four Lakh Two Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Six Only)** together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 73rd Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH -74) in person or through a Counsel who can answer the claim made against you on 27/03/2023 at 11.00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte
Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this **09/02/2023.**

BY ORDER OF THE
HON'BLE COURT
DEPUTY REGISTRAR
CITY CIVIL COURT
MAYOHALL BANGALORE
ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
SA Associates,
No.10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560 047

IN THE COURT OF THE 74th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-75)
O.S. NO. 26935/2022
Between
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Land Mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400 051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560 068
Represented by its POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa ...Plaintiff
And
Ms. Farzana Kause
...Defendant
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT
To,
Ms. Farzana Kause,
D/o Mr. Fayaz Ahmed,
Aged about 29 years,
3rd Cross, V V Extension,
Hosakote, Opp Karnataka Bank, Bangalore- 562 114
WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of **Rs.4,53,505/- (Rupees Four Lakh Fifty Three Thousand Five Hundred Five Only)** together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 74th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH-75) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 20/04/2023 at 11:00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 16/02/2023.

By Order of the Hon'ble Court
Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court Mayohall Unit, Bangalore
ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
SA Associates,
No.10, 7th Cross,
Victoria Layout,
Bangalore - 560 047

IN THE COURT OF 73rd ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-74)
O.S. NO. 26869/2022
BETWEEN :
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Land Mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 068
Represented by its POA Holder
Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa
...Plaintiff
AND
Mr. Mohammed Shoaib
...Defendant
Summons to Defendant
To,
Mr. Mohammd Shoaib,
S/o Mr. Shaikh Mohammed,
Aged about 27 years,
H.No.17, 1st Main, 1st Cross, Anam Enclave, Bangalore - 560 077
WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of **Rs.6,03,267/- (Rupees Six Lakh Three Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Seven Only)** together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 73rd Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH-74) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 24.03.2023 at 11.00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 10.02.2023.

BY ORDER OF THE
HON'BLE COURT
DEPUTY REGISTRAR
CITY CIVIL COURT
MAYOHALL UNIT,
BANGALORE
ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
SA Associates,
No.10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560 047

IN THE COURT OF 74th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-75)
O.S. NO. 26951/2022
BETWEEN :
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Land Mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 068
Represented by its POA Holder
Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa
...Plaintiff
AND
Mr. H Md Muzammil
...Defendant
Summons to Defendant
To,
Mr. H Md Muzammil,
S/o Mr. Mohammed Shafee,
Aged about 33 years, VIP Industries Ltd., Ummadmirality, Above HDFC Bank, 3rd Floor, Near Sagar Hospital, Bangalore - 560 029
WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of **Rs.5,55,116/- (Rupees Five Lakh Fifty Five Thousand One Hundred Sixteen Only)** together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 74th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge **(CCH-75)** in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on **10/04/2023** at **11.00 a.m.** failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 16.02.2023.

BY ORDER OF THE
HON'BLE COURT
DEPUTY REGISTRAR
CITY CIVIL COURT MAYOHALL
UNIT, BANGALORE
ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
SA Associates,
No.10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560 047

IN THE COURT OF THE 74th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-75)
O.S. NO. 26804/2022
BETWEEN :
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Land Mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 068
Represented by its POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa ...Plaintiff
AND
Pirmal Feeds and Farms LLP & Another ...Defendant
Summons to Defendants No.1 & 2
To,
1. Pirmal Feeds and Farms LLP, Represented by its Managing Partner, 4th Floor, No.4C 3 5, Hall Mark Building, Opposite St. George College, OMBR Layout, Banaswadi, Bangalore- 560043
2. Sri. R Manoj Kumar, S/o Sri. Ramineni Chandra Shekar Naidu, SR Amineni Chandra Shekar Naidu, Ramapuram, Moram, Palamaner, Chittor 517 408
WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of **Rs.10,18,071/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Eighteen Thousand Seventy One Only)** together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge **(CCH-75)** in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on **20.04.2023** at 11.00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 16.02.2023

BY ORDER OF THE
HON'BLE COURT
DEPUTY REGISTRAR
CITY CIVIL COURT
MAYOHALL UNIT, BANGALORE
ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
SA Associates,
No.10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560 047

IN THE COURT OF THE 13th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-22)
O.S. NO. 26912/2022
Between
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Land Mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 068 Represented by its POA Holder
Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa
...Plaintiff
And
Mr. Alwyn Lancy Pinto
...Defendant
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT
To,
Mr. Alwyn Lancy Pinto
S/o. Mr. Victor Pinto,
Aged about 45 years,
No. 4, 22nd, A Main Road, 1st Cross, Marenahalli, J P Nagar 2nd Phase,
Bangalore- 560 078
WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of Rs. 3,77,939/- (Rupees Three Lakh Seventy Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Nine Only) together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 13th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH-22) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 17- 03-2023 at 11:00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.
Given under my hand and seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 21/02/2023

BY ORDER OF THE
HON'BLE COURT
DEPUTY REGISTRAR
CITY CIVIL COURT
MAYO HALL UNIT
BANGALORE
ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
SA Associates,
No.10, 7th Cross,
Victoria Layout,
Bangalore - 560 047

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Surendranadha Reddy Chinnakambhamrami Reddy S/o Rami Reddy Chinnakambham R/o G133, Sjr Palazza City Doddakannelli, B'lore-560035 have changed my name to Surendranadha Reddy Chinnakhambham

I Meena Chinnakambhamrami Reddy W/o Surendranadha Reddy Chinnakambham R/o G133, Sjr Palazza City Doddakannelli, B'lore-560035 have changed my name to Meena Chinnakhambham

I, MUKESH, S/o Kailash Chandra, R/at Flat No.B-307, Purva Westend, Service Road, Kudlu Gate, Garebhavipalya, Bengaluru-560068, have changed my name from Mukesh to Mukesh Kailash vide affidavit dated 23-02-2023 before Notary Uday Kumar.K, Bengaluru.

I, NAZEER Ahmed Kareem, S/o Syed Kareem, R/a #79, 31st A cross, Tilak Nagar, Jayanagar, Bengaluru - 560041 have changed my name to Nazeer Ahmed vide affidavit dt: 23.02.2023 sworn before Notary Gangaraju.B.N, B'luru.

I, SRIDEVI Reddy Gudikambali, W/O. Sharana Basappa Gowda, R/O. No 14, 7th Crs,1st Mn,Ganapathipura,Konanakunte, Blr–62, have changed name to Sridevi vide afdvt dtd 23/02/23

I, HABIBA Aayisha @ Habeeba Unnisa @ Ayesha, W/o Mohammed Lukman Masjid, R/a #70, Ground Floor, 9th Cross, 20th Main, Near Noor Masjid, SMS Layout, Bengaluru-560078 have changed my name to Habiba Ayesha vide affidavit dt: 23.02.2023 sworn before Notary Gangaraju.B.N, B'luru

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE 74th ADDL CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-75)
O.S. NO. 26895/2022
Between
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Land Mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, # 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 068 Represented by its POA Holder
Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa
...Plaintiff
And
Sri. Ananda TN ...Defendant
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT
To,
Sri. Ananda T N,
S/o Sri. Narayanappa Thulavanur, Aged about 34 years, No. 4,1st Cross, Ramachandrappa Layout, Veerannapalya, Bangalore - 560 045
WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of Rs.4,71,310/- (Rupees Four Lakh Seventy One Thousand Three Hundred Ten Only) together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 74th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH-75) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 20-04-2023 at 11.00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.
Given under my hand and seal of the Hon'ble court on this 16/02/2023.

BY ORDER OF THE
HON'BLE COURT,
DEPUTY REGISTRAR
CITY CIVIL COURT
MAYO HALL UNIT
BANGALORE
ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
SA Associates,
No.10, 7th Cross,
Victoria Layout,
Bangalore - 560 047

TENDERS

CHENNAI PORT AUTHORITY
MARINE DEPARTMENT
Notice for e-Tender
Tender No. F2/058/2021/ M
Bids are invited online under Two Cover system for " **Re-Tender for engagement of 30 Fire Personnel under manpower contract basis for 2 years extendable by another one year with the scope to increase the Fire Personnel up to a maximum of 40 Fire personnel on second year, approximately 5 to 10 Fire personnel as and when required ".** Estimated cost put to tender: **Rs.2,12,11,140/- (Excluding Applicable GST)**
For details visit websites:
www.chennaiport.gov.in
https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app
Deputy Conservator.

CHENNAI PORT AUTHORITY
TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT
NO.1 RAJAJI SALAI, CHENNAI - 1
TENDER NOTIFICATION - No.C6/060/2023/T
Notice inviting e-Tender Cum e-Auction in Central Public Procurement Portal through NIC for "Supply, Installation, Operation and Maintenance of 1 no. 120T Fully Electronic Pit-less Road Weighbridge" as a common user facility on revenue sharing basis charged on the net weight tonnage for road borne vehicle (except container and liquid bulk) inside the custom bound area for a period of 5 years, under two cover system from 24.02.2023 to 16.03.2023
For further details visit Ch.P.A. website **www.chennaiport.gov.in** and **www.eprocure.gov.in**
TRAFFIC MANAGER

ULB Code : 803162

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

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BBMP

BSWML
Bangalore Solid Waste Management Limited

Swachh Survekshan-2023 - Our City Our Pride

VOTE FOR YOUR CITY

Construction & Demolition Waste :

Do not dump building wastes on roads, follow BBMP guidelines and Construction and Demolition Waste rules 2016.

"Construction and demolition waste" means waste comprising of building materials, debris and rubble resulting from construction, renovation, repair and demolition of any civil structure.

The BBMP has initiated several steps to collect and dispose the waste generated during the time of construction, demolition or renovation activities. Since dumping C & D debris on roads made punishable offence, hefty fines will be imposed on those who break the rules.

In order to collect Construction & Demolition waste, the waste generator should get in touch with the concerned notified service provider or the BBMP officials and pay the prescribed amount notified by BBMP. Then the collected construction and demolition waste is transferred to authorized processing centre or specific earmarked areas which is in accordance with the C&D rules as notified by BBMP. It should be segregated into streams such as concrete, soil, steel, wood, plastics, bricks, and mortar.

BBMP requests all the concerned in Bengaluru City not to dump building debris on roads and take up disposal in a specific manner as per the guidelines issued by BBMP.

Let's build a beautiful city

Dispose of Construction & Demolition Waste Properly

And be a model for future generations

Dumping Construction & Demolition Waste in roads is Punishable Offence

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Please cooperate with BBMP to keep Bengaluru city neat and tidy.

To safeguard public property and to abjure violence is the Fundamental Duty of every Indian.

Wear Mask | Follow Physical Distancing | Maintain Hand Hygiene | Get yourself voluntarily vaccinated

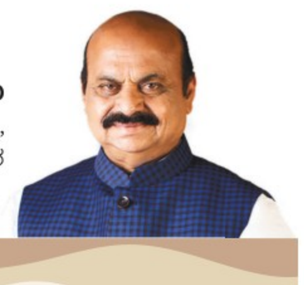
Administrator
BBMP

Chief Commissioner
BBMP

ಶ್ರೀ ನರೇಂದ್ರ ಮೋದಿ
ಸನ್ಮಾನ್ಯ ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು,
ಭಾರತ ಸರ್ಕಾರ

ಸ್ವಾತಂತ್ರ್ಯದ ಅಮೃತಮಹೋತ್ಸವ

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಸವರಾಜ ಎಸ್. ಬೊಮ್ಮಾಯಿ
ಸನ್ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು,
ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ



ನಿಮಗಿದೊ 'ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಉತ್ಸವ'ಕ್ಕೆ ನಲ್ಮೆಯ ಕರೆಯೋಲೆ!

ಈಶಾನ್ಯ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯದ 7 ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಗಳನ್ನೊಳಗೊಂಡ, ಈ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದ ಚರಿತ್ರೆ, ಪರಂಪರೆ ಮತ್ತು ಇತಿಹಾಸ ಬಲು ಅಪಾರ ಮತ್ತು ಅನುಪಮ. ಇದನ್ನು ನಿಮಗೆ ತಿಳಿಸಿ, ಬೆಳಸಿ ಮತ್ತು ಉಳಿಸುವ ನಿಟ್ಟಿನಲ್ಲಿ, 'ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪ್ರದೇಶ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಮಂಡಳಿ' ಕಲಬುರಗಿಯು ಇದೇ ಫೆಬ್ರವರಿ 24, 25 ಮತ್ತು 26ರಂದು 'ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಉತ್ಸವ' ವನ್ನು ಆಚರಿಸುತ್ತಿದೆ.

ಈ ಉತ್ಸವದಲ್ಲಿ ದೇಶ ಮತ್ತು ರಾಜ್ಯ ಮಟ್ಟದ ವಿವಿಧ ಬಗೆಯ ಪ್ರತಿಭಾನ್ವಿತ ಕಲಾವಿದರು ನಿಮ್ಮನ್ನು ರಂಜಿಸಲಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇದೂ ಅಲ್ಲದೇ

- ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದ ಜಾನಪದ, ಕಲೆ, ಸಾಹಿತ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತಿ ಸಾರುವ ಭವ್ಯ ಮೆರವಣಿಗೆ ಮತ್ತು ಸ್ಥಬ್ದ ಚಿತ್ರಗಳು
- ವಸ್ತು ಪ್ರದರ್ಶನ, ಪುಸ್ತಕ ಪ್ರದರ್ಶನ, ಚಿತ್ರಕಲೆ ಮತ್ತು ಶಿಲ್ಪಕಲೆ ಪ್ರದರ್ಶನ
- ಮಹಿಳಾ ಉತ್ಸವ, ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಉತ್ಸವ ಮತ್ತು ಗಾಳಿಪಟ ಉತ್ಸವ
- ಮತ್ಸ್ಯ ಮೇಳ, ಆಹಾರ ಮೇಳ ಮತ್ತು ಸಿರಿಧಾನ್ಯ ಮೇಳ
- ಟಾಂಗಾ ಸವಾರಿ, ಶ್ವಾನ ಪ್ರದರ್ಶನ, ಐತಿಹಾಸಿಕ ಮತ್ತು ಪಾರಂಪರಿಕ ಪ್ರದರ್ಶನ
- ಸಾಹಸ ಪ್ರಿಯರಿಗೆ ಜಲ ಕ್ರೀಡೆ, ಹೆಲಿಕಾಪ್ಟರ್ ರೈಡ್, ಪ್ಯಾರಾ ಗ್ಲೈಡಿಂಗ್ ಮತ್ತು ಹಾಟ್ ಏರ್ ಬಲೂನ್ ರೈಡ್ಸ್ ಹಾಗೂ ಇನ್ನೂ ಹಲವು ಬಗೆಯ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳನ್ನು ಹಮ್ಮಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲಾಗಿದೆ

ಬನ್ನಿ, ನಾಡಿನ ಹಿರಿಮೆ ಮತ್ತು ಸೊಗಸನ್ನು ಸವಿಯಿರಿ ಮತ್ತು ಶ್ರೀಮಂತ ಅನುಭವವನ್ನು ಮನೆಗೆ ಕೊಂಡುಹೋಗಿ.

ಸನ್ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀ ಬಸವರಾಜ ಬೊಮ್ಮಾಯಿ, ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು, ಸನ್ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀ ಮುನಿರತ್ನ, ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸಚಿವರು ಹಾಗೂ ಸನ್ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀ ದತ್ತಾತ್ರೇಯ ಸಿ. ಪಾಟೀಲ ರೇವೂರ, ಮಾನ್ಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು, ಕ.ಕ.ಪ್ರ.ಅ.ಮಂ. ರವರು, ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಅಮೃತ ಮಹೋತ್ಸವ–2022ನ್ನು ಉದ್ಘಾಟಿಸಿದ ಸಾಂದರ್ಭಿಕ ಚಿತ್ರ.

ಸ್ಥಳ: ಗುಲಬರ್ಗಾ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯ
ದಿನಾಂಕ: 24, 25 ಮತ್ತು 26ನೇ ಫೆಬ್ರವರಿ

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ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮದ ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣ ವೇಳಾಪಟ್ಟಿಯನ್ನು ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಲು QR ಕೋಡ್ ಅನ್ನು ಸ್ಕ್ಯಾನ್ ಮಾಡಿ

More saplings promised in the Budget, but existing greenery faces grave threat

Bengaluru's trees are being used for a variety of purposes affecting their growth and life span. Nails are hammered into them to display advertisements, and some vendors hang articles for sale

Darshan Devaiah B.P.
BENGALURU

As long-time residents rue Bengaluru's fast-fading 'garden city' tag, trees in the city endure more than just the danger of facing the axe for development projects.

From becoming free platforms for advertisements to structures around which wires can be tied and a place for vendors to hang their wares, Bengaluru's trees are under threat.

The irony becomes clear as Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, in his recent Budget speech, announced that the government planted 10 lakh saplings every year up to 2022-23 and that this would be from 2023-24 increased to 15 lakhs.

Residents and environmentalists say planting more saplings is useless when existing ones get little protection and nourishment.

Roadside saplings not maintained

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Forest Cell is supposed to maintain and replenish the city's depleting green cover. However, last year its sapling plantation drive was mired in red tape. They are usually planted before the onset of the monsoon in April and May. But, BBMP has not provided any data on the number of saplings planted.

"The civic body lacks the human resources to monitor trees or oversee the city-wide tree warden programme. So, the best way is to outsource maintenance for three years to those who plant them," said a BBMP official from the Forest Cell.

BBMP Green app scrapped

In 2017, the civic body set up a bank to distribute saplings to citizens free of charge and launched the BBMP Green app.

The bank had 10 lakh saplings at that time, and six lakhs were given away through the app, say BBMP officials. But the civic body has no details about where they were planted or how many survived. But, anecdotal evidence suggests that they were planted on farms outside the city, defeating the initiative's objective.

With the citizens' response to the programme waning, the BBMP shut down the app.

Free platform for ads

As for the existing trees, many people hammer nails into them to display posters and advertisements free of cost. In 2020, the BBMP launched an initiative, 'Nails Free Trees', and warned offenders of criminal action. People were also told not to tie cables and wires on trees. But the practice continues.

City-based environmentalist Vijay Nishanth said, "We have been conducting campaigns against using trees for advertisements. A programme called 'Kill Bill' was launched, and harmful iron nails and staples were removed from trees. There was an impact. But the BBMP should have strict laws to reduce instances of tree damage."

He said the volunteers also sprayed organic neem disinfectant after removing the nails to prevent infection.

"Usually, the nails will be pierced deep into the trunks, which will rust eventually. This will affect the growth of these trees. Residents must come together and prevent this menace, and the civic authorities must also penalise the offenders," he said.

Prasanth Naik, a resident of Vijayanagar, said advertisers find it convenient to put up boards on trees.

"We have been creating awareness against this practice. After removing the nails, we apply a paste of turmeric and neem oil on the affected portion of the trunk," he said. A senior official of the Forest Department said nails and wires hinder the growth of the trees. "The free flow of nutrients is blocked since nails are drilled into the cambium tissue in the trunk. This affects the growth and life span of trees," the official explained. Besides the damage, the act can also attract penalties.

Menace of concretisation

Kavya Nagesh, a resident of Bommanahalli, said, "Many shopkeepers create concrete platforms around trees, for their customers to sit, thus damaging the roots. We don't know whom to complain about this."

Krishna Kumar, a Hennur Residents Welfare Association member, said the practice of nailing posters and advertisements continues despite the government banning it. Trees offer shade to the public, and the BBMP should protect them by taking action against the violators," he said.

Namitha Shekhar, a resident and member of Bellandur Jothege, a residents' welfare association, said, "Most of the roadside trees in Bellandur are used by vendors to hang their wares. We have often told them not to use trees, but they are not ready to listen."

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> **VIJAY NISHANTH**
> Environmentalist

A tree being used to bend an iron rod during the construction of a building near National College in Bengaluru.

Saplings planted on a footpath at Katriguppe. BHAGYA PRAKASH K.

Synthetic grass mat placed around a tree at Padmanabhanagar. BHAGYA PRAKASH K.

Wires wound around a tree in Bengaluru. K. MURALI KUMAR

A branch of a tree cut at Cubbon Park. BHAGYA PRAKASH K.

Trees being used to hang various articles in Bengaluru. Residents say that the civic body should take action against those who damage trees. K. MURALI KUMAR

Namitha B Ramaiah and Siddharth Kaul are on a mission to beautify public spaces in Bengaluru

Looking good

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Architect and designer Namitha B Ramaiah and her collaborator, student Siddharth Kaul, are on a mission to beautify public spaces in Bengaluru. Namitha says, when she returned after studying Architecture in Barcelona, she started exploring the city. "I studied how it influences the public. One thought I had was if these spaces can be used in a meaningful manner."

Living in Barcelona, Namitha realised, public spaces were designed so that people could use them to the maximum. "Bengaluru also has lovely parks, lakes and vast spaces, but most of them are abandoned or not maintained. Hence, our idea was to dedicate our weekends to make these spaces look pretty and interesting in such a manner that it could draw people out of their homes to experience them."

Namitha and Siddharth got on their social media platforms to announce beautifying projects. They got responses for donors and volunteers from across the city.

"We had people of all ages spending their weekends painting, drawing and cleaning with us. Then we also had some donors, who bought us paints and brushes and provided us with the raw material for our projects. There were times when we had about 40 volunteers, who have been a part of our beautification process."

Namitha adds that it is not just art work and paintings that they promote, but the aim to "make the event a community activity".

As an architect with a keen eye on public spaces, Namitha believes in looking for spaces to beautify, which would also impact people's lives.

Namitha and Siddharth have organised a painting day at the Government school in Halasuru, worked on the beautification of a Government school in Yelahanka and a hospital that is dedicated to COVID-19 patients. "We create theme-based art work for the spaces. For instance, in the COVID hospital, the paintings depicted social distancing and wearing of masks and washing hands frequently," explains Namitha.

The school in Halasuru, Namitha said is in a 100-year-old building, which became their canvas while for the hospital, their theme was safety precautions. "If more people can share a similar outlook, we can have more beautiful spaces around us," believes the architect, who says that she wants this idea to reach across the city so that they find more donors and volunteers. "We are open to beautifying schools, parks, walls and any public space as long as there is a donor who provides the raw material. Currently we are working on getting the permission for the ESI hospital wall in Halasuru."

Buildings and walls as canvas Namitha and some of her works with her team. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Freedom and sisterhood

Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni on her latest book *Independence: A Novel* and more

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On a Monday afternoon, the The Bookworm Bookstore on Church Street was packed with a small but stoked crowd that had come to meet Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni. The Indian-American author was in the city to promote her latest book, *Independence: A Novel* (HarperCollins India) Between book signing and selfies, she squeezed in an interview.

Excerpts:-

Question: *Your works have explored female protagonists. How has your understanding of the female psyche changed over the years?*
Answer: As I have matured, I have learnt how women express strength in different ways. For example, Sita's expression of strength is very different from Draupadi's, which is again very different from the three sisters in *Independence*.

Q: *Some of your protagonists, like Draupadi in The Palace of Illusions or Sita in The Forest of Enchantments, already exist in mythologies. How do you explore such characters?*
A: For both *The Palace of Illusions* and *The Forest of Enchantments* and even a historical novel like *The Last Queen*, which is based on a real person (Rani Jindan), I have to try and imagine that person for myself. Not the preconceptions that people have of them. The character has to appear in my mind before I can write them.

Q: *How has your writing process changed over the years?*
A: First I started writing with a pen and paper. But soon I realised that's just too difficult. So now I write completely on the computer. Also, my process of research has changed over the years. It's become very visual. For books such as *The Last Queen* and *Independence*, I relied a lot on photographs, images, or paintings, because they gave me a visual sense of the characters and the place. Especially historic photographs were important because they recreated the time for me.

Q: *What prompted you to write Independence?*
A: *The Last Queen* ends at a very sad point in Indian history. The British are extremely powerful, they have pretty much, through treachery and other means, taken over the other kingdoms. Although Maharani Jinda, the heroine of *The Last Queen*, achieves a moral victory at the end of her life, it's not a physical victory. So, I did not want to leave the history of India at that point. It was sad for me. I wanted to write about the triumphant moment when India becomes free and the British are forced to leave.

More than words

The 11th edition of The Hindu Lit for Life brings the festival back to the stage

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Since 2010, writers and discussants have gathered at The Hindu Lit for Life to see their words wing their way to an eager audience willing to engage in the power of literature to inform and change. Now, after a pandemic pause, the popular literary festival is back on stage on February 24 and 25 this year at the Music Academy, Chennai.

Conceptualised to mark the 20th anniversary of *The Hindu's Literary Review,* Lit for Life, over the years, grew from a one-day event to three days of panel discussions, book releases, and allied exhibitions.

It has been curated by Nirmala Lakshman, Director, The Hindu Group (THG), and Director, The Hindu Lit for Life, since its inception. In a statement on the festival she says, "After a three-year hiatus caused by the pandemic, we are delighted to be back on the ground as a vibrant platform where distinguished, creative minds from India and across the world meet to discuss new writing and insights on a variety of subjects and themes. Lit for Life reflects the values of *The Hindu,* delving deep into issues of contemporary importance with talks, panel discussions and presentations bringing rich insights to all those who attend the festival. Our speakers and discussants take us through the breadth and depth of the subject on hand. And this is what makes us the sharpest literature festival in India."

This year's line-up of speakers will engage audiences at both venues at the Music Academy – TT Krishnamachari Auditorium and Kasturi Srinivasan Hall – with sessions running concurrently. The Hindu Lit For Life Dialogue will have Gaur Gopal Das in conversation with Vidya Singh, Rotarian and fitness columnist. This will be followed by Our India where Senior Associate Editor of *The Hindu*, Narayan Lakshman, will be in conversation with Capt GR Gopinath, founder of Air Deccan; Gopalkrishna Gandhi, diplomat and former Governor of West Bengal; Dr Sumanth C Raman, sports commentator and television anchor; and Sushila Ravindranath, senior journalist.

Wasim Akram, will mark his virtual presence at the festival at a session with Gideon Haigh, journalist, and N Ram, Director, THG. Other sessions engage with environment, history and culture.

The festival concludes with *Dear Omana,* a play directed by Nikhila Kesavan.

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The 19th edition of the Toto Funds the Arts (TFA) Awards recognised 10 winners across various categories, including literature, music, short film, photography, and digital art

Back to winning ways

Swathi Nair

Dadapeer Jyman, a promising talent in the Kannada literary scene, could hardly contain his emotion as he accepted the award for creative writing in Kannada at the 19th edition of the Toto Funds the Arts (TFA) awards ceremony held at Bangalore International Centre on February 18. With a tremulous voice, Jyman expressed his joy at winning the prize. "I've dreamt of winning a Toto for three to four years now. I've been longlisted and shortlisted... It feels like finally being accepted after pursuing a loved one for long," he said.

Jyman's award-winning story, *Taha's Letter*, explores the clash between two worlds, through the lens of two close friends, Dileep and Taha.

Following two years of virtual editions, the Toto Awards finally made a return to the physical stage. "Nothing compares to meeting young artists in person and hearing a live audience cheer them on. All of us at TFA were excited to do an on-ground event," said CK Meena, chaiperson, TFA.

The TFA is a non-profit trust that was founded in 2004 to commemorate the passing of Angirus 'Toto' Vellani, a 20-year-old art and literature lover. Every year, the trust awards prizes in a range of categories, including literature, music, short film, and photography, and hosts workshops, talks, readings, film screenings, and intimate *addas* to discuss

A new category dedicated to digital art, in honour of abstract artist Mehlli Gobhai, was established this year

Stepping up Toto award winners with chief guest MS Sriram. MYTHILI P

arts-related topics.

A new category was established this year to pay tribute to the memory of abstract artist Mehlli Gobhai, dedicated to digital art, and an additional award was presented for music. The ceremony included a short ghatam performance by Sumana Chandrashekar.

"It is a great platform for youngsters riddled with self doubt about their potential," said chief guest MS Sriram, Kannada writer and chairperson of the Centre for Public Policy at the Indian Institute of Management Bangalore. "This award is a big endorsement from the community. What makes this one unique is its diversity. I was amazed by the different regions the award winners came from, as usually in these gatherings we only see local talent."

A native of the Ao tribe in Kohima, Nagaland, Moachiba Jamir, who won the award in the creative writing in the English category, said, "The story, *Expecting Caterpillars*, talks about grief in a way that also touches the culture that I come from, where very strong emotions such as grief and happiness are not really shared. I wanted to explore that in my story,"

This year's ceremony recognised 10 winners across various categories, each of whom received a cash prize.

STEPOUT

Colour of four

Called We are Four, this art exhibition is dedicated to the memory of artist Tarun Chakraborty. Inaugurated by singer Iman Das, it features the works of four artists from Kolkata – Biraj Kumar Paul, Anup Kumar Karar, Malay Chandan Saha and National Award winner Sanjoy Banerjee. *On at Chitrakala Parisath till February 26.*

No mean bean

Called the Avarekalu festival, this menu celebrates these beans by serving some of the most traditional cuisines from across Karnakata.
Curated by chef Mandaar Sukhtankar and his team, the menu includes traditional dishes such as *masala* salad, *vada, usli, saaru, akki rotti* and more – all cooked with *avarekalu* as the main ingredient.
Also keep an eye out for the popular *avarekalu* chicken curry *saaru*.
The festival will be on at Oota, Whitefield, till February 26 for lunch and dinner. Call 8880233322 for reservations.

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CM: Arkavathi Layout re-do exercise involved ₹8,500-cr. irregularities

Bommai chooses Kempanna Commission's report to counter Congress which is citing the contractors' association president charge of 40% commission against the BJP dispensation

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Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Thursday referred to the report of Justice Kempanna Commission that has found irregularities in the "re-do" exercise of Arkavathi Layout by the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) during the erstwhile Congress government led by Siddaramaiah to launch a counter-attack on the Opposition party that has accused the ruling BJP of rampant corruption. He declared that those responsible for such irregularities would be prosecuted and sent to jail.

Replying to a debate in the Legislative Assembly on the State Budget, the Chief Minister read out highlights of findings of the commission that has observed that 868 acres of land was excluded from acquisition only with a view to favour the landowners.

Alleging that it involved irregularities to the tune of over ₹8,500 crore as each acre of land then cost around ₹10 crore, he remarked, "We want to know to which party and to whose house this money went."

Dropping hints that the ruling BJP would counter the Congress' allegation of BJP dispensation indulging

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai speaking in the Legislative Assembly in Bengaluru on Thursday.

in collection of "40% commission" in contract works as alleged by the Karnataka Contractors' Association president Kempanna with the report of Justice Kempanna Commission, he remarked, "You try to blow up things based on allegations levelled by contractors' association president Kempanna not backed by any evidence. But we will now go by the report of Justice Kempanna Commission that has examined all the issues of Arkavathi Layout."

The Chief Minister read out the commission's observation that it was "constrained to express displeasure over the manner in which the BDA and the government dealt with the matter. It is evident that there is violation of law.... The way in which various recommendatory reports came to be generated and the manner in which they were considered by the men at the helm of affairs show that they have turned the entire scheme into a scam." He also launched a counter-attack at Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah for his question as to why he was being targeted for constituting the Anti-Corruption Bureau though six BJP-ruled States had such bodies.

Financial benefit under Gruhini Shakti to be doubled

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Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Thursday announced that he would double the financial benefit under the newly announced Gruhini Shakti scheme, intended to be given to landless women farm workers, to ₹1,000 a month. He also announced that the total additional schedule of KSRTC buses to be operated under the Makkala Bus scheme for school and college students would be doubled to 2,000.

Pay panel to be told to submit interim report

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Thursday announced in the Legislative Assembly that he would direct the Seventh Pay Commission, which is looking into the revision of salaries for the State government staff, to submit an interim report within March so that the government could take steps to commence implementation of its recommendations immediately.

The Karnataka State Government Employees' Association had set a seven-day deadline for the government to announce the implementation of the Seventh Pay Commission report and threatened to strike work if the demand was not met.

KKRDB has failed in discharging its core function: CAG

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The CAG report flayed the functioning of the Kalyana Karnataka Region Development Board (KKRDB) for the delay in preparation of annual plans, failure to specify any targets to be achieved in respect of socio-economic indicators, absence of data, and poor budgetary controls.

The CAG's performance audit report said that there was a delay in the submission of action plans by the board in the range of three to 10 months. The board initiated the preparation of annual action plans only after the announcement of the State Budget every year, it said.

The KKRDB region comprising Kalaburagi, Bidar, Raichur, Koppal, Yadgir, and Ballari is relatively less developed compared with other parts of Karnataka. The report said the board did not discharge its core function of redressal of regional disparities and ensuring balanced regional development. "A large number of works were cancelled or changed after finalisation of the plans pointing to inadequate preparatory activities before proposing the projects," noted the CAG report.

Women's hostel in Raichur has remained incomplete for 28 years

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Department of Women and Child Welfare had not assessed the need for the establishment of working women's hostels (WWHs) in each district and had not assured the availability of funds to the hostels under construction. One hostel in Raichur had remained incomplete for over 28 years after incurring an expenditure of ₹7.82 lakh, said a report of the Comptroller Auditor General of India (CAG).

The CAG's compliance audit for the year ending March 2021, tabled in the Legislative Assembly on Thursday, said 26 hostels established with the government's aid of ₹11.22 crore failed to provide all the prescribed facilities to the residents.

Too few

The department has not established WWHs in each district. In Karnataka, 67 WWHs, 55 run by private agencies and 12 managed by universities, are spread across 23 districts.

CAG raps KRIDL for delay in execution of rural works

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The Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) found many faults in the functioning of the Karnataka Rural Infrastructure Development Ltd. (KRIDL) and said the agency has been incurring enormous delays, ranging from one month to 24 months, in commencement of rural development works despite availability of funds.

The CAG report on the KRIDL, which was tabled in the Legislative Assembly on Thursday, said the government agency received 84,574 works related to rural infrastructure during 2016-17 to 2020-21 and it could complete only 24,014 works, constituting only 28%. The KRIDL does not have a mechanism to analyse the capacity in terms of resources available and works on hand, it said.

Fund accumulation

Inordinate delays in the completion of works resulted in the accumulation of funds of ₹17,320.30 crore at the end of 2020-21. The inability to complete the entrusted works on time resulted in blocking up of funds with the KRIDL, it said.

It termed the KRIDL's financial management as "poor'' and said it completed only 38.79% works in 2016-17, 27.07% in 2017-18, 24.71% in 2018-19, 35.18% in 2019-20, and 13.97% works in 2020-21.

The KRIDL undertakes all types of rural development works entrusted by the government, local bodies, and public or private undertakings. Because of the non-execution of works on time, the accumulation of funds increased from ₹6,748.10 crore in 2016-17 to ₹17,320.30 crore in 2020-21.

"The KRIDL incurred expenditure before release of funds, in excess of funds released by executive agencies and in excess of estimated cost, indicating poor financial controls". Non-recovery of royalty from the job works bill resulted in extending the unintended benefit to group leaders and loss of revenue to the government.

'Poor monitoring'

The report said "poor monitoring and follow-up mechanism in the KRIDL was evident from lapses in the execution of works, non-reporting of completion of works, and excess expenditure, non-submission and non-settlement of final bills, and non-surrender of savings to executing agency".

Quality control

The quality control mechanism in the KRIDL was non-existent and the three-tier quality control mechanism was not implemented in letter and spirit, the report stated. Third-party monitors were not appointed, quality control divisions were defunct and there was no quality management system, the report noted.

State has investigated 11,914 cases of GST fraud, says Bommai

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government, which is now in the second position in terms of GST collection, will intensify measures to check evasions, said Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Thursday.

Tax evasion

Responding to a question by Congress member M. Nagaraj on behalf of Prakash Rathod in the Legislative Council, the Chief Minister said as of December 22, the State had investigated 11,914 cases of GST fraud and detected tax evasion of ₹1,819.94 crore.

"A total of ₹648.85 crore, including ₹497.98 crore tax, ₹19.34 crore interest, and ₹131.53 crore penalty, has been collected. This was made possible by efficient officials in our special vigilance squads and use of technology," the Chief Minister said.

Explaining the various modes of GST evasion, the Chief Minister said, "It is being done through hidden transactions, submission of input tax with fake documents, shipment of goods without valid documents, and sales without bills."

Pointing out that the amount of arecanut transported to other States evading tax was higher than that being sold in the State with tax, the Chief Minister said, "Our vigilance squads have detected goods being transported to Delhi without paying any tax from Mangaluru port and have collected nearly ₹1,000 crore."

Assembly adopts Bill to give primacy to Kannada and reservation to Kannadigas

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bill seeks to constitute a State-level enforcement committee led by the Kannada and Culture Minister to enforce its provisions

The Kannada Language Comprehensive Development Bill, 2022, was adopted by the Legislative Assembly with members cutting across political affiliations backing it.

The Bill that was piloted by Kannada and Culture Minister V. Sunil Kumar seeks to provide reservation to Kannadigas in higher education and also private industries as part of efforts aimed at giving primacy to Kannada language.

The Bill, among other things, seeks to constitute a State-level enforcement committee led by the Kannada and Culture Minister to enforce its provisions. There will be district-level enforcement committees led by DCs and rural-level enforcement committees led by ZP CEOs. The Bill was slightly amended from its original form to provide for the inclusion of representatives of the Kannada Sahitya Parishat in the State-level enforcement committee. The Bill was introduced in the Assembly on September 22, 2022.

BMS varsity Bill

The BMS University Bill, 2023, was passed in the Legislative Assembly to establish a private university in the State, amid protest by JD(S) members.

The BMS Educational Trust, Bengaluru, has come forward to establish the private university and it would certainly help in spreading quality education of students, the Bill said. Higher Education Minister C.N. Ashwath Narayan tabled the Bill in the House. The private university focuses to promote and undertake the advancement of applied university education in science, all branches of engineering, arts, management, and commerce.

It may be mentioned here that JD(S) leader and former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy has written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi alleging illegality in the affairs of BMS Trust.

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No.: BWSSB/EIC/ACE(WWM-P-WEST)/DCE(WWM-E&W)/TA-2/7818/2022-23 Date: 23.02.2023	
Work of Design and Upgradation of existing 10 MLD capacity Tertiary Treatment Plant at Yelahanka based on IFAS Process and with Operation and Maintenance for a period of Seven years (5+2) Including Two years of O&M during works contract on Turnkey basis (3rd call)	Rs. 19.82 Crore / Rs.0.24 Crore
No.: BWSSB/EIC/ACE(WWM-P-WEST)/DCE(WWM-E&W)/TA-2/7821/2022-23 Date: 23.02.2023	
Work of Design and Construction of Upgradation of existing 20 MLD capacity STP and Capacity Augmentation to 35 MLD at Doddabele with Sequential Batch Reactor (SBR) Techonology and Construction of New TSPS with Inlet Grit Chamber of 15 MLD Capacity and Operation and Maintenance for a period of five (5) years (Turnkey contract) (2nd call)	Rs. 32.81 Crore / Rs.38.20 Lakhs

Last date and time for reciept of tenders will be on **10.03.2023** upto **14:00 hrs**. The bids will be opened on **13.03.2023** at **11:00 hrs**. The details regarding the tender and participation in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**. For further details contact the undersigned office during working hours.

Sd/-
DIPR/CP/MIA/4908/2022-23 **Engineer in Chief**

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

FIRST YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Thiru. RAGHAVENDRAN K
22 Dec. 1944 - 24 Feb. 2022
Missed deeply by Family & Friends
Gowri
+91 9444953637

Agricultural Produce Market Committee, Hosadurga -577527
(Chitradurga Dist) **E-mail:apmchosadurga@gmail.com Pho:- 08199-230249**
Sl. No.: APMC(H)/DevW/48/2022-23 Date; 20.02.2023

Brief e-Tender Notice

Tender is invited by Agricultural Produce Market Committee, Hosadurga through http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in as per Standard Tendering Document KW-2 & KW-3 from class 1 civil contractors registered in e-procurement portal for below mentioned works.

Name of Work:- 1) Work of constructing C.C. Road in Main Market Yard of Agricultural Produce Market Committee, Hosadurga under Annual action Plan for the year 2023-24. Tender Indent No. :- APMC/2022-23/OF/WORK_INDENT5487. Amount put to Tender (Rs. In lakhs):- 46,15,000. E.M.D.In Rs. 93,000 e-Tender Processing Fee:- As per E-Procurement norms.KW-2. Time Period for Work:- 3 Months (2) Work of constructing Small shops in Main Market Yard of Agricultural Produce Market Committee, Hosadurga under Annual action Plan for the year 2023-24. Tender Indent No. :- APMC/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT5486. Amount put to Tender (Rs. In lakhs):- 69,39,000 E.M.D.In Rs.1,38,800 e-Tender Processing Fee:- As per E-Procurement norms. KW-3 Time Period for Work:- 5 ½ Months 1) Last date for receipt of filled tender 07.03.2023 up to 4.00 PM 2) Date of opening technical/financial bid (KW-2) 09.03.2023 at 4.00 PM 3) Date of opening technical bid (KW-3) 09.03.2023 at 4.00 PM 4) Date of opening financial bid (KW-3) 13.03.2023 at 4.00 PM Tender processing fee is as per e-portal rules, tender terms and conditions are as mentioned in e-portal, further information can be obtained from the office during office hours other than on holidays or can be obtained from website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in Committee reserves the right to accept or reject without assigning reasons.

Sd/- Secretary, A.P.M.C. Hosadurga. Sd/- Administrative Officer, A.P.M.C. Hosadurga.
DIPR/CTA/KSMCA/1041/2022-23

Woman fleeing ritual sacrifice offered asylum

Tamil Nadu Police will ensure the safety of the woman now residing in Chennai, State Public Prosecutor Hasan Mohamed Jinnah assures Justice G. Chandrasekharan; Madhya Pradesh woman says her stepmother had killed her brother in a human sacrifice ritual when he was 10 years old

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

The Tamil Nadu Police on Thursday assured the Madras High Court that it shall provide necessary protection to a 23-year-old woman from Madhya Pradesh who had fled her home to escape from being killed by her stepmother, a proponent of black magic, as part of a human sacrifice ritual.

Appearing before Justice G. Chandrasekharan, who was seized of her plea seeking protection, State Public Prosecutor (SPP) Hasan Mohamed Jinnah said that the police would certainly ensure the safety of the woman now residing in the house of a Thanthai Periyar Dravidar Kazhagam office-bearer in Chennai.

The petitioner appeared before the judge, along with her advocates S. Doraisamy and V. Elangovan, and said that her parents were politically well connected in Madhya Pradesh and therefore she escaped to Tamil Nadu, with the assistance of her friends, in order to seek refuge.

Seeking refuge: The woman is currently residing in the house of an office-bearer of Thanthai Periyar Dravidar Kazhagam. FILE PHOTO

She claimed to have come to know only recently that her stepmother had sacrificed her younger brother when he was 10-years-old and was now planning to kill her too in a similar ritual. After hearing her, the judge said that it was disheartening to note that practices such as human sacrifice were prevalent even in the 21st century.

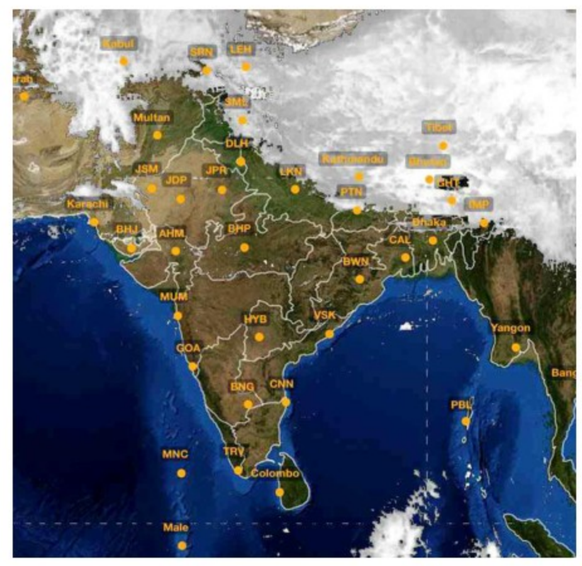
He ordered notices, returnable by three weeks, to the petitioner's parents as well as to the Commissioner of Police, Bhopal. The judge also asked Mr. Jinnah to file a status report after three weeks.

In her affidavit, the petitioner had said that she was born in Uttar Pradesh and later migrated to Madhya Pradesh along with her family. Her father served in the Agriculture Department and retired in 2017. She studied at the Government Maharani Laskshmibai Girls' College in Bhopal.

She was a Master's degree holder in nutrition and dietetics and was now pursuing a diploma in Yoga. On the compulsion of her family, she had joined the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad for sometime.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 17.00 HRS)

Forecast for Friday: Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning very likely at isolated places over Sub Himalayan West Bengal and Sikkim. Dense Fog very likely in isolated pockets over Odisha

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	32.5	21.8	Kozhikode	—	35.8	24.0
Ahmedabad	—	35.0	17.0	Kurnool	—	38.0	21.2
Aizawl	—	31.5	14.9	Lucknow	—	31.2	14.0
Allahabad	—	32.7	14.6	Madurai	—	35.4	18.6
Bengaluru	—	31.6	16.2	Mangaluru	—	34.4	22.8
Bhopal	—	33.2	15.5	Mumbai	—	30.5	20.2
Bhubaneswar	—	36.8	22.0	Mysuru	—	32.5	14.6
Chandigarh	—	27.8	12.0	New Delhi	—	28.6	14.9
Chennai	—	32.1	21.6	Patna	—	32.0	16.2
Coimbatore	—	33.4	18.1	Port Blair	—	31.2	24.6
Dehradun	—	28.6	10.8	Puducherry	—	32.9	19.4
Gangtok	33	16.0	8.9	Pune	—	34.9	16.9
Goa	—	34.8	21.0	Raipur	—	35.4	17.5
Guwahati	—	27.0	17.5	Ranchi	—	32.7	16.5
Hubballi	—	35.0	18.0	Shillong	—	21.2	11.5
Hyderabad	—	35.4	19.0	Shimla	—	18.0	5.0
Imphal	—	27.7	14.5	Srinagar	—	17.3	0.6
Jaipur	—	31.0	16.6	Thiruvananthapuram	—	34.6	21.3
Kochi	—	31.6	25.4	Tiruchi	—	32.9	20.0
Kohima	—	20.2	9.8	Vijayawada	—	33.7	21.5
Kolkata	—	32.5	22.8	Visakhapatnam	—	31.0	24.0

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.19	.27	34	184	149	
Bengaluru	.04	.28	23	120	113	
Chennai	.25	.30	46	193	123	
Delhi	.17	.76	52	323	237	
Hyderabad	.06	.13	50	175	—	
Kolkata	.22	.25	24	68	91	
Lucknow	.12	.26	85	131	140	
Mumbai	.15	.55	59	319	193	
Pune	..	.29	70	158	117	
Visakhapatnam	.08	.44	49	140	139	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Singrauli, Madhya Pradesh recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 306 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir recorded a healthy AQI score of 25

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Great-grandson of C. Rajagopalachari quits Congress

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Former CM C. Rajagopalachari's great-grandson, C.R. Kesavan, who joined Congress in 2001, on Thursday said he was resigning from the primary membership of the party and as a trustee of the Tamil Nadu Congress Committee Charitable Trust.

In a letter addressed to the Congress president, Mallikarjun Kharge, Mr. Kesavan said, "I am truly sad to say that for a while I have not seen any vestiges of the values that made me work for the party with dedication for over two decades."

C.R. Kesavan

Mr. Kesavan told *The Hindu* that the Congress's response to the nomination of Droupadi Murmu as BJP's presidential candidate and naming of 21 largest islands in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands after 21 Param Veer Chakra awardees on Parakram Diwas on January 23 were some of the instances that pushed him to resign from the party.

'Continued, robust support for Ukraine will be a major topic of discussion with India'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet L. Yellen, on Thursday, said continued and robust support for Ukraine would be a major topic of discussion during her two-day visit to India.

Ms. Yellan was addressing a media conference at Nandi Hills, off Bengaluru, ahead of the first G20 meeting of Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors. She also met Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in the morning. "I'm looking forward to a productive set of meetings in Bengaluru over the next couple of days," the Treasury Secretary said.

United States Secretary of Treasury Janet Yellen addresses the media in Bengaluru on Thursday. PTI

As President Biden has said, the U.S. will stand with Ukraine in its fight - for as long as it takes, she said. It was critical that the IMF moved swiftly toward a fully financed programme for Ukraine, as they have said they would do, she added.

In the coming months, the U.S. Treasury Secretary said, the United States would provide around $10 billion in additional economic support for Ukraine. This would be in addition to the $46 billion it offered towards security, economic, and humanitarian assistance to Ukraine. The U.S. and its allies were supporting the Ukrainian people's fight for freedom, and their economic assistance was making Ukraine's resistance possible by supporting the home front: funding critical public services and helping keep the government running, she said.

"Tomorrow is the one-year mark of Russia's illegal and unjustified full-scale invasion of Ukraine," Ms. Yellen said. "When Vladimir Putin launched his brutal assault one year ago, some believed Russia would secure a quick and decisive victory over Kyiv. Putin himself thought that he would achieve a victory 'at minimal cost', in the words of CIA Director Bill Burns," she said.

"One year later, Putin's war has been a strategic failure for the Kremlin. Ukraine still stands. And NATO and our global coalition stand united behind it," she stated.

KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka Under Taking)
Office of the Executive Engineer KBJNL JBC Division No.2
Bheemarayanagudi. Tq: Shahapur Dist: Yadgiri Email Id: eejbc2@gmail.com

NO. KBJNL/JBC Divn-2/PB/2022-23/1376 Date:17.02.2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(ONLY THROUGH ELECTRONIC TENDER SYSTEM)

On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL. Bangalore, the Executive Engineer KBJNL, JBC Division No.2 Bheemarayanagudi. Tq: Shahapur Dist: Yadgir invites in two Covers system from the eligible Contractors for work mentioned in the table below.

The blank tenders can be obtained through www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in and can be submitted through electronic tender box.

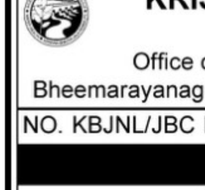
STATEMENT SHOWING THE DETAILS OF THE WORKS PUT TO E- TENDERING

1) Work details: Rectification of CC lining and structures of Lat-13 of Dy-14 of JBC. (Ind.No.23926) 2) Amount Put to tender Amt:Rs.321.03 Lakhs, 3) EMD amount for the work Amt: Rs. 5.68 Lakhs.4) The contractor can have access to the electronic document, i.e Tender Schedules, bid documents and other documents in the website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in on payment of tender processing fee (non-refundable).From 20.02.2023 at 11:30AM 5) The last date & time for submission of electronic documents through e-portal: 04.03.2023 upto 17.00 Hrs. 6) Date & time for opening of electronic document first (Technical bid) 06.03.2023 @11.30 Hrs. 7) The electronic document second (financial bid) of pre-qualified contractor will opened on 18.03.2023 @ 11.30 Hrs or After approval of Technical bid.8) For more information contact details: Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, JBC Division No.2, Bheemarayangudi of Shahapur Taluka, Yadgir Dist. 9.Website: http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in

NOTE: - Further information may be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours or from http:www.eprocurement.Karnataka.gov.in.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
KBJNL, JBC, Division.No-2,
Bheemarayanagudi.

DIP/Yadagiri/486/K.S.M.C&A 2022-23



SRI JAYADEVA INSTITUTE OF CARDIOVASCULAR SCIENCES & RESEARCH

(Govt. of Karnataka - Reg. Autonomous Institute)
Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru-560 069.
Ph.: +91-80-22977666/276/433/216/217 TELE FAX:080-26534477
e-mail: director@jayadevacardiology.com/pstodirectorsjicr@gmail.com/pe.sjicrblr@gmail.com

e-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences & Research, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru invites Tender in two bid system from eligible tenderers through e-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka for the supply of following items for a period of two years:

Sl. No.	Tender Notification No. & Date	Particulars
1	SJIC&R/TS/137/2022-23 DT. 23-02-2023	Supply of Chemicals, Reagents & Consumables for the Department of Biochemistry.
2	SJIC&R/TS/138/2022-23 DT. 23-02-2023	Supply of Chemicals, Reagents & Consumables for the Department of Pathology.
3	SJIC&R/TS/139/2022-23 DT. 23-02-2023	Supply of Chemicals, Reagents & Consumables for the Department of Microbiology.
4	SJIC&R/TS/140/2022-23 DT. 23-02-2023	Supply of Chemicals, Reagents & Consumables for Blood Bank Centre.
5	SJIC&R/TS/141/2022-23 DT. 23-02-2023	Supply of Chemicals, Reagents & Consumables for the Department of Radiology / Generator & Isotopes for the Department of Nuclear Cardiology.

1. The tenderers can download the documents from **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from 27-2-2023 and the last date for submission of completed tenders through e-portal is **28-03-2023 upto 4-00 PM.**
2. Date of Pre-bid meeting: **15-03-20223 at 11-30 AM.**
3. Date of Technical Bid opening: **29-03-2023 at 4-00 PM.**
4. **EMD:** as mentioned in the tender document
5. The Tender Accepting Authority reserves the right to accept/reject/cancel the tender partially or fully without assigning any reason at any stage of processing.

Sd/-
Chief Administrative Officer.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer, Shanthinagar Division,
P.U. Building, 9th Floor, M.G. Road, Bengaluru-560001

No.: EE/SN/TEND/19/2022-23 Date: 23.02.2023

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER

(Only through e-Procurement Portal) Two Cover System

The Executive Engineer (Shanthinagar Division), BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders form eligible contractors registered in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES / National Highway or any State Government Organizations for the work as detailed in the table below. **(KW-3)**

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approximate value of work (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (In Rupees)
1	Providing Emergency Relief Task force team to east Zonal control room in **Ward No. 111,** Shanthinagar Sub Division for the year 2022-23	99.00	1,98,000/-

Calender of events: (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka from **27.02.2023. (2)** Pre bid meeting will be held on **04.03.2023** at **3:30 p.m.** in the Office of the Executive Engineer, 9th Floor, Public Utility Building, MG Road, Bengaluru. **(3)** Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before **4:00 p.m.** on **09.03.2023** and the opening of tenders will be as per e procurement portal guidelines. **(4)** Technical bids will be opened on the website https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in in the office of the Executive Engineer, Shanthinagar Division, BBMP, Bengaluru on **10.03.2023** at **4:00 p.m.** Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours or website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Shanthinagar Division, BBMP

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(e-Procurement Mode only)

E-Tenders are invited in the prescribed form from **Reputed Man Power Agencies** for the following works.

No.:SEE/EE/Tr/W&M/DVG/EE/AEE-1/F-114/22-23/Cys-150 Date:23.02.2023

1) Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/SEE/W&M/DVG/EE/AEE-1/22-23/100 Dated:30.01.2023 for Outsourcing the service of 6 Nos. of Office Attendant on contract basis to various offices in Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Davanagere.

2) Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/SEE/W&M/DVG/EE/AEE-1/22-23/101 Dated:30.01.2023 for Providing 20 Nos. of Data Entry Operators to various offices through Agency on contract basis in Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Davanagere.

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

No.:SEE/EE/Tr/W&M/DVG/EE/AEE-1/F-114/22-23/Cys-151 Date:23.02.2023

3) Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/SEE/Tr/W&M/DVG/EE/AEE-1/22-23/90 Dated:25.01.2023. for Outsourcing the service of 9 Nos. of Sweepers on contract basis to various Sub-Divisions coming under Transmission Circle, KPTCL, Davanagere.

Tenders will be accepted through e-procurement mode only. For Further details, prospective, Bidders are advised to log on to website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or **htpps://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** & click on to hyperlink **e-procurement-kptcl** to participate in e-procurement portal **on or after 24.02.2023.**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele),
Transmission(W&M) Circle, KPTCL,
Near Stadium, Hadadi Road, Davanagere. Ph: 08192-250774

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our Client intends to purchase property morefully described in the Schedule mentioned herein below from its owner Tree Hill Estates Private Limited, 3rd Floor, Nadathur Place, No.23, 8th Main Road, Jayanagar 3rd Block, Bengaluru - 560 011. Any person having right, title, interest, claim, objections or whatsoever in respect of the Schedule Property may file their objections with documentary proof to the undersigned within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. If no objections are received within the said period, our client will proceed to complete the proposed Sale transaction presuming that above mentioned person is the absolute owner of the Schedule Property and that there are no other Claimants.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Apartment bearing unit No. **SF C-3**, bearing Municipal No.51/8, PID No.76-23-51/8, in the **Second Floor of Block C**, having super built up area of **4,934.30 square feet** which includes the proportionate undivided share in the common areas, including proportionate undivided share in the land being 8.25% measuring **2,206.57 square feet** approximately out of 26,750 square feet of land area, along with two covered park spaces in the basement of the building, in the residential apartment complex known as "**Nitesh Buckingham Gate**" constructed on land bearing Municipal Corporation Nos.51, 51/1, 51/2 and 51/3, **Lavelle Road**, Bengaluru - 560 001.

Sanjay H. Sethiya, Advocate
Law Square, Advocates & Solicitors
Level Two, No.2/1, 3rd Cross,
Gandhinagar, Bengaluru - 560 009.
info@lawsquare.in; 080 - 4171 1481
Bengaluru, Date: 24.02.2023

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR LOSS OF DOCUMENTS

Notice is hereby given to the public at large that the undersigned has either been lost or misplaced irretrievably the original sale deed No.2612/64-65 dated 05/08/1964 executed by Mr.Hanumanthappa in favour of Sri. Muniswamappa and 1456/51-52 dated 25/05/1951executed by Sri.Honnurappa and others in favour of Mr.Handanumanthappa and the gift deed No.3113/67-68 dt. 05/08/1967executed by Munivenketappa @Nanjappa in favour of Thimmaiah for Sy.No.3/3 of Amani Byrathikane Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk all is registered at the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Bangalore Taluk.

If found, or any person/s having custody or possession of the above said original document, may kindly hand over the same to the undersigned, or having any claim over the schedule property, may submit their claim, in writing, along with copies of documents relied upon to support such claim, to the undersigned within 15 days from the date of this Publication, failing which it will be presumed and treated that there are no claims over the said property and the certified copies duly obtained from the jurisdictional Sub Registrar office shall be treated as original deeds henceforth.

Biju Joseph
No.18, 10th main,5th cross,
Nandanam colony,
Horamavuroad,Bangalore -560 043.
Date : 24/02/2023

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka enterprises)
Office of the Executive Engineer, Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Limited, No-1 TR Division, Munirabad, Koppal (Dist.) Karnataka State, India.
Ph No. 08539-270306 E-mail:-trdmrb@gmail.com

No. EE/KNNL/No.1 T R Dvn/Mrb/2022-23/3129
Date:20.02.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Only through e-procurement system)(Two Cover)

Tenders in Electronic mode on "**PERCENTAGE BASIS**" are invited on behalf of the Managing Director, KNNL, Bangalore, by the Executive Engineer, KNNL, No-1 T R Division, Munirabad, Koppal District., in **Two cover system (cover I and cover II),** under H/A 4701 VNC Canal Sub Division, Kamalapura as per KW-3, KW-4 conditions for the work from the registered in the KPWD Class-III and above Contractors. The Estimation Amount of the works **Rs. 75.00 to 150.00 Lakhs** for 03 works. The Pre bid meeting at Chief Engineer, KNNL, ICZ Munirabd office, is on **24.02.2023 at 11.00 A.M.** Last date for submission of tender documents upto **02.03.2023 at 4.00 P.M from** web site (https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in)& Date of opening of Technical Bid (Cover-I) on **03.03.2023 at 4.30 P.M** For more information visit at undersigned in all working days during office hours on telephone No.08539-270306/ 08539-270026, and at email: **trdmrb@gmail.com**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
KNNL No.1 T.R.Division, Munirabad.
DIPR/Koppal/680/KSMCA/2022-23

Department of Youth Empowerment Sports

State Youth Centre, Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru - 560 001
Ph: 080-22215601, 22211246. Fax: 080-22215602

Tender No: DYES/SMC/Tender/182/2022-23 Date: 22.02.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E-Procurement Portal Only)

Tender is inviting for the integrated Facility Management Contract and Allied Services for Shree Kanteerava Stadium and other Centres in Bengaluru for two years starting from the year 2023-24.

Sl. No.	Particulars	Tender Amount (INR in Lakhs)	EMD amount (INR in Lakhs)
1	Integrated Facility Management Contract and Allied Services for Shree Kanteerava Stadium and other Centres in Bengaluru	Rs.892.00	Rs.13.38

The tender should be submitted through E-Procurement Portal (https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in). Bidders need to register in the E-Procurement Portal to submit their bids online. The tender document can be viewed free of cost from the E-Procurement Portal.

1) Last date and time for Submission of Tender Documents through E-Procurement Portal: 24.03.2023 time 16.00 Hrs. (2) Opening of Technical Bid Date: 27.03.2023 time 16.30 Hrs.

Additional information may be obtained during office hours at the above mentioned Address.

Sd/-
Deputy Director (Admin) and
Tender Inviting Authority
Dept. of Youth Empowerment and Sports

DIPR/CP/4902/
AKAR/2022-23

Rights at the centre

Interest of the child must be the focus always, not just in custody disputes

In 1959, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Declaration of the Rights of the Child, the first charter of its kind ensuring basic rights to all children below 18 years, with these words: "Mankind owes to the child the best it can give." Yet, as is well-documented, children, because of their vulnerability, often become victims of abuse of power by the very people who are entrusted with their protection. The advancements in digital technologies have helped on many fronts, from registration of births, creating a legal identity to health care, but in its forward march, it should not trample on the rights integral to a harmonious upbringing of a child. Leaning on a child's fundamental right to privacy, the Supreme Court of India has ruled that children cannot be mechanically subjected to DNA tests in each and every case between warring parents as a shortcut to establishing infidelity. In a petition filed by a man who questioned his second child's paternity, Justices V. Ramasubramanian and B.V. Nagarathna observed that genetic information sheds light on a person's essence, going to the very heart of who she or he is. This "intimate, personal information" is part of a child's fundamental right, the Court said. Children have the right, it pointed out, not to have their legitimacy questioned frivolously before a court of law.

Directing courts to acknowledge that children must not be regarded as material objects, and that they be subjected to forensic/DNA testing only as a last resort particularly when they are not parties to a divorce proceeding, Justice Nagarathna observed that it is imperative that children do not become the focal point of the battle between spouses. While this is a welcome move, a reading of the 1989 United Nations' Convention on the Rights of the Child shows that there are miles to go before every child in India is guaranteed "special care and assistance". Too many childhoods are cut short, and the maxim 'every child has every right' often forgotten. India ratified the Convention in 1992 and over the years several laws have been enacted to protect the rights of children though their implementation has often been dodgy, failing to shield them from abuse, violence, exploitation or neglect. The principle of best interest of the child must be at the centre of every aspect of social behaviour and not just in custody disputes.

A case that scans the working of the anti-defection law

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A five-judge Bench of the Supreme Court of India is presently hearing a set of cases popularly known as the "Maharashtra political controversy cases". These cases arose out of the events in June last year, when the ruling Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) coalition (the Shiv Sena, the Nationalist Congress Party and Congress) lost power after an internal splintering of the Shiv Sena party. A faction led by Eknath Shinde then joined hands with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) to form the new ruling coalition. The disputes between the various parties have been continuing since then, with the most recent development being an Election Commission of India (ECI) order declaring that Eknath Shinde's faction is entitled to the party name and symbol.

While questions have been raised about whether the situation is now *fait accompli*, and whether the Court can "turn the clock back" if it wanted to, the judgment of this case will have consequences not merely for State politics in Maharashtra but far beyond as well. This is because the case raises certain fundamental issues about the working of India's "anti-defection law".

The Tenth Schedule, past and present

The anti-defection law was introduced into the Constitution via the Tenth Schedule, in 1985. Its purpose was to check increasingly frequent floor-crossing; lured by money, ministerial berths, threats, or a combination of the three, legislators were regularly switching party affiliations in the house (and bringing down governments with them). The Tenth Schedule sought to put a stop to this by stipulating that if any legislator voted against the party whip, he or she would be disqualified from the house. While on the one hand this empowered party leadership against the legislative backbench, and weakened the prospect of intra-party dissent, the Tenth Schedule viewed this as an acceptable compromise in the interests of checking unprincipled floor-crossing.

Fast-forwarding 40 years to the present day, we find that the working of the Tenth Schedule has been patchy, at best. In the last few years, there have been innumerable instances of governments being "toppled" mid-term after a set of the ruling party or coalition's own members turn against it. That this is power-politics and no high-minded expression of intra-party dissent is evident from the well-documented rise of "resort-politics", where party leaders hold their "flock" more or less captive within expensive holiday resorts, so as to prevent the other side from getting at them.

Indeed, politicians have adopted various stratagems to do an end-run around the anti-defection law. Recent examples involve mass resignations (instead of defections) to force a fresh election, partisan actions by State Governors (who are nominees of the central government) with respect to swearing-in ceremonies and the timing of floor tests, and equally partisan actions by Speakers (in refusing to decide disqualification petitions, or acting in undue haste to do so). The upshot of this is that, in effect, the Tenth Schedule has been reduced to a nullity: governments that do not have clear majorities are vulnerable, at any point, to being "toppled" in this fashion.

> The Supreme Court's examining of the 'Maharashtra political controversy cases' could either end up as a counterweight to political games or make government destabilising even easier

The Court has a challenging task

This is where the role of the Supreme Court becomes crucial. Disputes over government formation and government toppling invariably end up before the highest court. It must immediately be acknowledged that such cases place the Court in an unenviable position: the Court has to adjudicate the actions of a number of constitutional functionaries: Governors, Speakers, legislative party leaders, elected representatives, many (if not all) of whom, to put it charitably, have acted dubiously. But the Court does not have the liberty of presuming dishonesty: it must maintain an institutional arm's-length from the political actors, and adjudicate according to legalities, even as political actors in anti-defection cases do their best to undermine legality. This is a challenging task.

But it is a challenge that the Court has, with due respect, not always risen to. This is one of those situations where the proof of the pudding is in the eating: despite the fact that the Court's intervention has been sought in every one of these cases, and despite the fact that in recent years the Supreme Court has handed down multiple substantive judgments on anti-defection, the toppling of governments remains as frequent as ever. While one may (partially) put this down to wily politicians finding loopholes in Supreme Court judgments, much like they find loopholes in the Tenth Schedule, this is not all there is to the situation: some of these loopholes were easily foreseeable at the time, but were, unfortunately, not addressed by the Court.

An example of this is the Court's judgment in the Karnataka political controversy, which effectively sanctified resignations as an end-run around the anti-defection clause. But it is the present case (the Maharashtra political controversy) that presents an interesting case study. One will recall that the crisis, so to say, began when a set of legislators from the Shiv Sena rebelled against Uddhav Thackeray, and were soon ensconced in a resort on Guwahati (with allegations of State political intervention). The Deputy Speaker (there was no Speaker at the time) moved to disqualify the "rebels" who in turn moved the Court, arguing that there was a pending no-confidence motion against the Deputy Speaker, and therefore, as per the Supreme Court's judgment in *Nabam Rebia*, he was disqualified from deciding on the disqualifications while it was pending.

The Supreme Court's vacation Bench stayed the Deputy Speaker's hand, but in what can only be described as a very curious set of orders, also directed a floor test. The upshot of this was that the "rebel MLAs" (who may or may not have subjected themselves to disqualification) were able to vote in this floor test, and voted to bring the government down (in turn altering a fluid political situation and skewing the balance of power). The new government was swiftly sworn in (by the Governor), and appointed its own Speaker, thus effectively creating a *fait accompli* with respect to the pending disqualification petitions. To top it all, the Supreme Court's orders were "interim" in nature, and therefore, no reasons were provided.

In perspective

These orders, the correctness of which is now being considered by the five-judge Bench, albeit in the context of a changed political situation that itself is the consequence of those very orders, reflect how judicial interventions, if not carefully thought through, can hasten the toppling of a government and contribute to turning the Tenth Schedule into a dead letter. If, for example, it is held that a Speaker cannot decide a disqualification petition while under a notice for removal themselves, and that a floor test can be ordered in the interim (by the Governor or the court), the consequences are obvious: a "rebel MLA" can move a notice for removal, incapacitate the Speaker from taking action, and leave rebel MLAs free to bring down the government without consequence.

How the Supreme Court will untangle or cut this Gordian knot in the Maharashtra political controversy is anyone's guess. But ultimately, the Court will be subject to the verdict of history: the use of money and indeed threats and inducements of prosecution or immunities therefrom to "turn" MLAs is a truth that is evident to all with the eyes to see. The Court's judgment can act as a counterweight to political power, and infuse a dose of constitutionalism into the politics of government formation and toppling. But equally, the Court's judgment could make toppling governments even easier for those with the means to do so. Only time will tell which of the two it will be.

Safe across borders

India must further its cross-border digital payment linkages

Transferring money to a relative studying or living in Singapore or receiving remittances from a family member working in the Southeast Asian city-state just got a whole lot simpler. On February 21, the Reserve Bank of India Governor, Shaktikanta Das, and the Monetary Authority of Singapore's Managing Director, Ravi Menon, made token instantaneous cross-border remittances to each other using the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and PayNow mobile applications on their phones in India and Singapore, respectively. The transactions marked the start of a cross-border link for real-time person-to-person money transfers between South Asia's largest economy and its littoral neighbour across the Malacca Strait, which is home to a sizeable Indian diaspora as well as tens of thousands of migrant workers employed in Singapore's humming construction, marine shipyard and services sectors. The link now enables individuals wishing to remit either Singapore dollar (SGD) or Indian rupee funds for the 'maintenance of a relative' or as a 'gift' to transfer the money seamlessly using the UPI at the Indian end and the PayNow app at the Singapore end. To start with, six banks in India including three state-run, two private and the Indian unit of Singapore's DBS Bank will be facilitating inbound remittances to their account holders, while one private lender and the three public sector banks would enable their Indian customers to send money using the link. In Singapore, customers of DBS Bank and the non-bank lender Liquid Group can avail of the transfer facility.

Though a small start, given that the daily transaction limit is set at ₹60,000 or about SGD 1,000, the link is significant in that it enables individuals to quickly and safely remit money to their loved ones without the hassles of having to go to a bank branch or a wire transfer facility's outlet or having to rely on the higher-cost and riskier 'hawala' channels. The tie-up is also part of a wider regional effort to facilitate cross-border real-time money transfers in a manner that reduces operational costs for individuals and merchants, while at the same time reducing the reliance on an external settlement currency, which hitherto has predominantly been the U.S. dollar. Singapore, which had established a similar payment link with Thailand in 2021, is part of a larger five-member initiative among the central banks of Southeast Asian economies including Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines that aims to interconnect their domestic digital payment systems. India too could build on the springboard it has gained in Singapore to further its cross-border digital payment linkages and extend the partnership to the city-state's other Association of Southeast Asian Nations partners. Besides a sure-shot boost to regional trade and tourism, such a network would help India to further formalise the flow of inbound remittances.

India's R&D estimates are an incomplete picture

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India's research and development (R&D) expenditure-GDP ratio of 0.7% is very low when compared to major economies and is much below the world average of 1.8%. The main reason is the low investment in R&D by the corporate sector. While the corporate sector accounts for about two-thirds of gross domestic expenditure on R&D (GERD) in leading economies, its share in India is just 37%. There is evidence, however, suggesting that India's GERD data are an underestimate.

A 2022 infobrief of the National Science Foundation (NSF) of the United States on Foreign R&D by U.S.-based multinational corporations (MNCs) shows a spend of $9.5 billion (₹649.7 billion) on R&D in India in 2018, which increased to $9.8 billion (₹690.2 billion) in the following year. There are MNCs from other leading countries also spending on R&D in India. But the latest Research and Development Statistics, published by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) in 2020, has provided an estimate of ₹60.9 billion R&D spending in 2017-18 by foreign MNCs, which is only about 10% of what U.S. firms have reported to have spent in India on R&D.

Issues with the current system

The National Science and Technology Management Information System (NSTMIS) of the DST is the agency that compiles GERD statistics in India. It is easier to gather the information on R&D by the government sector, the higher education sector and public sector enterprises. The challenge lies in collecting data from the private corporate sector. There are two key factors that make the official R&D estimates grossly inadequate.

The method used for identification of R&D performing firms does not capture all the R&D performing firms. The NSTIMS relies on the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR) list of recognised R&D units and the Prowess database of the Centre For Monitoring Indian Economy Pvt. Ltd. for this purpose. The DSIR list may not have many of the actual R&D performers for two reasons: firms which consider government incentives as not attractive enough or that are sensitive about sharing critical information with the DSIR may not be inclined to register themselves with the DSIR. Second, it may be difficult for R&D firms in services such as software and R&D services to meet the requirement of having separate infrastructure for R&D to distinguish it from their usual business. In fact, many of the R&D performing enterprises in new technology areas may come under the services category.

> Transforming India's R&D statistics to ensure a true picture of the R&D ecosystem needs short- and medium-term measures

A study at the Institute for Studies in Industrial Development, that looked at 298 firms receiving foreign investment (2004-16) for R&D purposes, found that only 11% had been registered with DSIR. The Prowess database, on the other hand, covers only 3.5% of the currently active registered enterprises in India. A quick search in both the DSIR directory of recognised R&D units (2021) and Prowess shows that some of the leading Indian enterprises in new technology areas and foreign R&D centres are not covered. For example, SigTuple Technologies, which is a leading start-up in India focusing on artificial intelligence-based HealthTech and has filed 19 patents as in 2021, is unlisted in both databases.

Two, the survey conducted by the NSTMIS is the key source of R&D statistics of India. For those firms which do not respond to the survey, the data is collected from secondary sources such as annual reports and Prowess. This method will work only if firms disclose their R&D spending. A review of the documents submitted to the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) by some R&D-oriented firms shows that there are firms which do not report any spending on R&D in spite of their declarations that suggest that they are engaged in activities of technology development, adoption and adaptation. Interestingly, some of the firms which do not report spending on R&D do have patents granted in India, or their personnel are mentioned as innovators in patents granted by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. They may not feel the compulsion of disclosing accurate data to the Indian regulatory authorities.

What is to be done

Transforming India's R&D statistics to truly reflect the R&D ecosystem calls for short-term and medium-term measures. In the short term, the NSTMIS should use the patents granted data, both in India and the U.S., in addition to its current method to identify R&D performing enterprises.

While surveys can collect much more information related to innovation activities, R&D statistics should not be confined to the responses to the surveys. Instead, annual R&D estimates can be prepared from mandatory disclosures that the enterprises are required to make to the MCA. In order to ensure compliance and proper reporting, technologies can be used like in the case of revamped income-tax return forms where various sections are interlinked. Additionally, proper disclosure of information to regulatory agencies, including R&D spending data, should be made an essential component of the environmental, social and governance (ESG) ranking of enterprises.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Health survey

It is very rare for a daily to publish a full page and more (Inside pages, February 23) analysing one of the most neglected areas in India — health care. When it comes to electoral speeches, everything other than health is dealt with. While voters do not ask questions, the Opposition does not raise questions in Parliament or even question budgetary allocations. Private and corporate care seems to dominate. While we thump our chest citing rapid progress, development, infrastructure and investments, have we improved medical facilities and care for the weak and the poor who cannot even dream of availing medical treatment in private hospitals? Voters need to push for their basic rights. As long as there is no sincere questioning, there will be no answers.

Balasubramaniam Pavani,
Secunderabad

The fact is that for young voters, the employment scenario is a key factor. For women, particularly home makers, inflation is the major influencing factor. For poor senior citizens, the quality of the government's health service is an important issue as they cannot afford the services of private hospitals. For the salaried class, tax matters dominate. Dissatisfaction with the quality of government health services does not seem to be reflected in voting patterns.

Rameeza A. Rasheed,
Chennai

The second year of war

Russia's war in Ukraine, which is entering its second year, is a humanitarian and human rights catastrophe, has traumatised a generation of children, and has accelerated a food and energy crisis for most part of the world. But for Ukrainians, the war has galvanised a sense of national resolve, which they express by continuing to fight for their country despite suffering massive losses and widespread destruction. In the hostile atmosphere, where both Russia and Ukraine are still unrelenting, peace negotiations are the only solution to end the war. The rest of the world has to ensure that this happens.

R. Sivakumar,
Chennai

It is clear from U.S. President Joe Biden's visit to Ukraine that more fuel is being added to the fire. Ukraine's President needs to realise that he is only harming his country by getting into the orbit of the U.S. and the West. America's help to anyone has strings attached and has to involve its own interests. Russia and Ukraine should sit down at the peace table and find a solution.

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Does the anti-defection law need changes?

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On February 17, the Election Commission of India (ECI) allotted the name 'Shiv Sena' and the party's Bow and Arrow symbol to Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde's faction, in effect recognising it as the original party founded by Balasaheb Thackeray. The political crisis in Maharashtra began last year after a group of 40 of the 55 Sena MLAs walked out of the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) alliance under the leadership of Mr. Shinde, which caused a division in the party. Both the Uddhav Thackeray and Shinde sides staked claim to the party name and symbol, each claiming to represent the 'real' Shiv Sena. The ECI said that it had based its decision on a "test of majority." It said the group of MLAs supporting the Shinde faction got nearly 76% of the votes polled for the 55 winning Shiv Sena candidates in the 2019 Maharashtra Assembly elections, while the Uddhav Thackeray faction got 23.5% of votes. The crisis has thrown the spotlight once again on the anti-defection law, whose purpose is to prevent political defections. In a conversation moderated by **Sonam Saigal**, P.D.T. Achary and Ruchi Gupta discuss whether the law needs changes. Edited excerpts:

The Tenth Schedule of the Constitution, or the anti-defection law, was enacted in 1985. What was the need to have this law then?

P.D.T. Achary: Before the law was enacted in 1985, the political class was anxiously trying to work out a measure to curb the regular defections that had been taking place in various parts of the country. Defection causes destabilisation, which leads to governments falling and new governments coming up with the help of the defectors. After Rajiv Gandhi came to power with a massive majority, the government prepared the Bill. It was brought before the House and unanimously passed. Some people thought that this measure would curb freedom of speech and affect the free exercise of opinion by the members of the legislature who are elected by the people. But defection was recognised everywhere as an evil. There was a need to curb that evil; therefore, the law was brought in. There is a famous joke which goes, 'Aaya Ram, Gaya Ram.' It means Ram came out of a political party in the morning, joined another party by lunchtime, and is set to join yet another after lunch. That is why the law was brought in.

Ruchi Gupta: What the law tries to do is to stabilise party systems by consolidating control of the party leadership instead of through ideological cohesion or ownership [by constituent legislators] of the party. By doing this, it is framing democracy not as a system of representation and accountability, but as a contest between factions which have consolidated power. So, it's one political party in a congealed way against another, as opposed to legislators being elected to represent people and then electing the government. This has effectively done away with the representative system of democracy in our country.

Shiv Sena leaders Eknath Shinde and Uddhav Thackeray at a press conference in Mumbai last year. PTI

How do you think the law is faring today?

PDT: If you look at the scheme of the anti-defection law, you will find that the principal aim was to curb defections. Its most important aspect was that it was seeking to stabilise the party system because in our democracy, political parties are the principal stakeholders; they contest elections. The legislators are members of political parties. The stability of the political system became an imperative. The kinds of defections which used to take place before the passing of this law are not taking place now. But recent events show that this law needs to be tightened.

A little tightening was done earlier by doing away with a split, that is, paragraph three of the Tenth Schedule of the Constitution. It had said, if there is a split in a particular party, and one-third of the legislators move along with the breakaway group, they will not be disqualified. So, split was a defence against disqualification. But that was done away with because of the experience which the political class gained. People were misusing that particular provision and breaking up parties.

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which is to interpret paragraph four (decision on questions as to disqualification on ground of defection) in a particular way, because there is no authoritative declaration of law from the Supreme Court on the exact application of it.

RG: People are principal stakeholders in a democracy; parties are merely the institutional intermediaries. A party's stability is required, but it is unclear why that stability should come on the back of exercising control over the legislators which effectively does away with their representative role in a democracy. Only a handful of countries like Pakistan and Zimbabwe have this law. Otherwise, legislators are well within their right to vote for a measure however they like. And it's not as if the anti-defection law is working as intended either: governments have fallen repeatedly without consequence for the defectors. There are suggestions to fix loopholes such as automatic disqualification, or that the Speaker must address the disqualification petitions in a time-bound manner, but politics of power is too wide to be captured by procedures. The law is trying to use a legal measure to address what is essentially a political problem.

You spoke about a disturbing trend. In Karnataka, some MLAs left the Congress-JD(S) alliance and joined the BJP to form the government. In Maharashtra, the MVA government was toppled as many elected MLAs left the alliance and formed a new government. And in Goa, after elections, the Congress emerged as the single largest party, but many MLAs broke away and the BJP came to power. Do you think political pressure along with monetary gains takes precedence over the anti-defection law?

PDT: That is precisely the point. Why do they defect when they are elected? They defect for the lure of office. Ideological defection doesn't take place in India. At least there is no empirical evidence about that. Paragraph four says two things. One is that a member goes to the Speaker and says that the party has merged with another party and me and my friends, two-thirds of the legislative party, agree with the merger. In that case, the Speaker shall not disqualify them. So, this is a defence like the split, which was there earlier. This is a defence which they can put up against the disqualification process. The political class has interpreted this differently. They say that if the legislature party merges with another party, and two-thirds of the members merge with another party, they will escape disqualification. This is what happened in some of these States.

RG: Politics is always contextual and there's an apprehension that if the anti-defection law is scrapped, it would have a disproportionate impact on the Opposition parties because of how power is consolidated in the ruling party. I think this is a wrong assumption because doing away with the law will also empower legislators within the ruling party to dissent. Even if an MP feels that the law is going against their own constituents and against their own interests, because they would have to face re-election again, they cannot go against the whip. An example is the recent farm laws where members of the ruling party had no option but to side with their party even if they disagreed with the Bill. This has a bigger impact on democratic functioning than party stability alone.

Do you think that the law in its current form is being misused? If yes, would you suggest any changes in it?

PDT: It is being misinterpreted as is seen in Maharashtra because there is no authoritative interpretation of the law. Once the Supreme Court lays down the law and says the merger has to take place between two parties and after that, two-third of the members, if they agree with the merger, then they are safe, and if not, they are not safe, must be made clear. In the 10th Schedule currently, there is no timeline fixed for the Speaker to determine the issue and the purpose of this anti-defection law is defeated.

RG: I think the law needs to be scrapped as it is not able to stop defections. Political representatives are smart; they will work their way around loopholes. Talking about party stability, I think that the scope of the statute could be limited to only no confidence motions. If there is freedom of speech [for legislators], there also must be freedom of action.

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NOTEBOOK

Protests in the age of YouTube and WhatsApp

Thanks to social media, protesters are now surprisingly well informed, but a uniform narrative can also be unhelpful

Ishita Mishra

Reporters are routinely asked to cover protests. I have covered several agitations in my career. Recently, I visited Joshimath, the gateway to the sacred Hindu temple at Badrinath, to the national park known as the valley of flowers, and to one of the most revered Sikh pilgrimage sites, Hemkund Sahib.

Joshimath today is known as the 'sinking town.' In December last year, cracks began appearing in homes, forcing the residents to spill onto the streets in fear. It was heartbreaking to see young children and old people huddled together by the roadside, bundled in thick woollen clothes during a harsh winter. Land subsidence, or sudden sinking of the earth's surface, was stated as the reason for the fissures. I spent a few days speaking to residents and administrators.

What struck me was how well informed all the protesters were. Each of them, as if on cue, gave me the same narrative. They traced the history of the disaster, provided reasons and suggested solutions.

In Singhdar block, for instance, I met 72-year-old Sunita Devi, who used thumb imprints for administrative work. Her lack of education, however, did not translate into a lack of awareness. Devi was extremely knowledgeable about the crisis. She spoke about the 1976 MC Mishra Committee report, which was the result of an investigation ordered by the then government into the geographical disturbances in Joshimath. She spoke of how a Supreme Court Committee had provided recommendations to both the State and the Centre about the consequences of unplanned development in the fragile region. She also told me about the "disaster wale." (The Disaster Management Department had maintained that the town needs immediate attention.) "*Sab NTPC ka kaaran hua. Isko band karao* (Everything has happened because of the NTPC. Stop those projects)," Devi said.

I listened to her wide-eyed, impressed by her knowledge. I asked her how she knew so much. "*Sab dekha hai phone par* (I have seen everything on my phone)," she replied. I was astonished to hear the same story from 23-year-old Sunil Rawat. His source, too, was social media. The uniformity of the narrative was new for me. Over the years, I have heard many protesters say the same things, but not in such a pronounced way.

I realised at Joshimath how the nature of protests has changed over the years. Over a decade ago, the anti-corruption protests spearheaded by Anna Hazare lasted from April to December 2011. Back then, there was no live streaming on Facebook or YouTube and people did not receive a constant stream of updates on WhatsApp. While Mr. Hazare sat in protest in Delhi, others sat on fast in solidarity in other parts of the country. When asked about the protest, people knew of the reason but not the timeline of the problem or what was happening in other regions. They often did not have answers to questions about the details of the protest. I was in Kanpur then. Every day I would visit Mr. Hazare's supporter who was on fast. One evening, she was forcibly rushed to the hospital by the police. I got to know about this only the next day, when sources from the hospital called. In today's day and age, this event would have been live-streamed.

Social media has contributed greatly to mobilising people into action and amplifying voices. Thanks to social media tools, the demands of protesters are well coordinated and their chants reverberate across geographies. The visual nature of the medium, which makes the task of eliciting support and sharing evidence of disasters and injustice, has made the job of reporting simpler.

However, there are problems too. Uniform narratives such as these can tend to paint everyone with the same brush. It is also hard sometimes to figure out when respondents are mixing fact with fiction. For a reporter, the challenge now is to pay attention to the larger narrative while also looking for individual stories and varied experiences.

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PICTURE OF THE WEEK

A new home for the big cats

A sedated cheetah before being flown with 11 others from South Africa to India. The purpose of the blindfold for the cheetah is to nullify visual stimuli that could lead to trauma. These big cats will join the eight cheetahs that were brought to Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh from Namibia last year. Earlier this year, the governments of South Africa and India signed a MoU on Cooperation on the Re-introduction of Cheetahs to India. Cheetahs went extinct in India in 1952 due to overhunting and loss of habitat. REUTERS

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FIFTY YEARS AGO FEBRUARY 24, 1973

U.S.'s biggest ever arms deal with Iran

In what is described as the biggest ever arms deal arranged by the United States Defence Department, Iran has been permitted to buy in the next few years about two billion dollar (about Rs. 1,450 crores) worth of military equipment from U.S. manufacturers. The exact value of the orders placed by Iran is not known but some Washington sources believe that this may be more than two billion dollars.

About half of the orders are for the purchase of helicopters and aircraft like F-4 fighter bombers and C-130 cargo planes. Among the advanced equipment to be brought are laser bombs, the guided bomb used to hit militarily targets in North Vietnam. According to informed Senate sources, about 300 military personnel would be stationed in Iran for imparting training on the deployment of the military equipment being brought by Iran.

The State and Defence Departments consider that the large-scale sale of arms to Iran would have a stabilising effect on the Persian Gulf area.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO FEBRUARY 24, 1923

Indian Railways

London, Feb. 22: Messrs. Beardmore and Company of Glasgow announced that they have secured an order for seventeen locomotives, part of the contract for a hundred locomotives for Indian State Railway and they expect to receive an order for more. It is believed that the total contract will represent at least three-quarters of a million sterling. Offers have also been received from the continent. – Reuter's Agency

From Page One

Palaniswami to remain at AIADMK helm

Mr. Panneerselvam was represented by senior advocates Ranjit Kumar and Guru Krishnakumar. The July 7 meeting saw the General Council pass several decisions/resolutions by amending the party bylaws. These resolutions included the creation of the post of "interim general secretary" to be elected by the general council, abolishment of the posts of Coordinator and Joint Coordinator, reinstatement of the post of party general secretary to be elected by the primary members of the party, removal of Mr. Panneerselvam from the primary membership and holding of elections to the post of general secretary within four months.

Mr. Palaniswami last year assured the Supreme Court that the polls to the post of general secretary would be kept on hold for the time being when the dispute was on. Mr. Srinivasan said that Thursday's judgment would allow the resolution to be "operationalised".

A Single Judge of the High Court had ordered *status quo ante* on August 17, saying that the General Council meeting could not have been held on July 11 without the joint consent of the then coordinator, Mr. Panneerselvam, and then joint coordinator, Mr. Palaniswami. Mr. Panneerselvam had contended that the General Council meeting was held "clandestinely and undemocratically to take decisions to alter the structure of the party". In a subsequent intra-court appeal filed by Mr. Palaniswami, the Division Bench of the High Court, on September 2, set aside the August 17 *status quo* order of the Single Judge. The Bench had justified that the Single Judge's decision would cause the party to undergo "irreparable hardship" as the two leaders were at "loggerheads" with each other and their rivalry should not affect the party.

Pawan Khera held for remarks on Modi

The Delhi Police said that a request was received from Assam Police for assistance in the arrest of Mr. Khera in case FIR No. 19/2023, filed at Dima Hasao police station in Haflong district.

High drama unfolded on the tarmac at Delhi airport, when the security officials asked Mr. Khera to deboard from the flight just after all the passengers had boarded the aircraft. "I don't know why I have been deplaned. I was told that they need to check my checked-in baggage. I told them that I only have a hand bag, they still insisted that I leave the aircraft. I have now been told that Delhi Police DCP is on his way and will explain the reason for deboarding me," Mr. Khera told reporters a few minutes after he was brought down to the tarmac. Several senior Congress leaders followed him outside the aircraft including Congress general secretary (Organisation) K.C. Venugopal and Karnataka in-charge Randeep Surjewala.

Soon, the Delhi Police reached the spot and asked for Mr. Khera to come along with them. The Congress leadership did not allow the police to take Mr. Khera. Instead they sat on a dharna on the tarmac raising slogans. The flight was delayed by nearly four hours.

Meanwhile, Rajya Sabha MP Abhishek Manu Singhvi filed a plea in the Supreme Court. "We have protected you, but there has to be some level of discourse..." Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud told Mr. Singhvi.

Mr. Singhvi at the court said the use of language by his client though inadvertent was erroneous and that he himself would not stand by the use of such language during public discourse. He said Mr. Khera has tendered his unconditional apology.

Sri Lanka gives nod to Adani's project

In two years, the project would generate about 350 MW of power, the Board said in a statement.

The BOI's approval takes the Adani Group's total investments in the island nation over the $1 billion mark. It has already committed to pumping $700 million into a strategic port terminal in Colombo. Work on the project – the West Container Terminal – began in November 2022.

Sri Lankan authorities are yet to make any public remark on whether the Group's crashing stocks, following the Hindenburg allegations, would impact its ambitious projects in the investment-starved island nation.

While the recent report accused Adani companies of "brazen stock manipulation and accounting fraud scheme over the course of decades", the Group has denied any wrongdoing. When contacted, Sri Lanka's State Minister of Investment Promotion Dilum Amunugama said the fall in the Adani Group's stocks "will not affect a company like them". "As far as our government and our Ministry is concerned, We are keen on investments and will ensure they are in order. That is why we approved this project," he told *The Hindu* on Thursday. Earlier, Sri Lanka's Power and Energy Minister Kanchana Wijesekera held a "progress review" meeting with the visiting officials of the Adani Group on the renewable energy projects.

Last year, the Group's projects triggered controversy in Sri Lanka, with government critics raising questions over transparency and due process in clearing the projects. The Opposition accused the Group of making a "backdoor entry" into the energy sector, and within months, Sri Lanka amended its energy laws to eliminate competitive bidding in the sector.

Pro-Khalistan leader's supporters attack Punjab police in Ajnala

While police personnel suffer injuries in the attack, the SP announces that Amritpal Singh's associate will be discharged after the aides submitted evidence; the associate had been arrested in an alleged kidnapping and theft case in Rupnagar

Vikas Vasudeva
CHANDIGARH

Total chaos: Supporters of self-styled preacher and pro-Khalistan propagator Amritpal Singh attacking Punjab police personnel at Ajnala in Amritsar district on Thursday. PTI

Armed with guns and swords and other sharp weapons, scores of supporters of the self-styled Sikh preacher and pro-Khalistan propagator Amritpal Singh on Thursday clashed with Punjab police personnel, injuring a few, at Ajnala in Amritsar.

Mr. Amritpal, who recently said the "Khalistan movement can't be stopped from flourishing", had given a call to his supporters to gather at Ajnala to protest against the arrest of his close associate in an alleged kidnapping and theft case. The supporters of Mr. Amritpal, who heads the '*Waris Punjab De*' outfit, broke a police barricade as they clashed with the police near the Ajnala police station and stormed into the police complex.

Alleging that the FIR has been registered only with a political motive, Mr. Amritpal demanded cancellation of the FIR and immediate release of the arrested person as his supporters picketed the complex. Talking to journalists, he issued a warning that if the demands were not met, then the administration would be responsible for whatever happens. Mr. Amritpal, among others, was recently booked by the police allegedly for kidnapping, theft and voluntarily causing hurt to a resident of Chamkaur Sahib in Rupnagar district. In this connection, the police arrested Lovepreet Singh, alias Toofan Singh, last week. Following this, his family members accused the police of falsely implicating him in the case.

The police later announced that they will release Mr. Lovepreet.

Satinder Singh, Senior Superintendent of Police (Amritsar rural), said "...we will be discharging the person (Lovepreet) who we had arrested as according to the evidence given by them, he was not present on the spot. Besides, An SIT would probe the matter. He will be discharged tomorrow."

About the scuffle between the supporters and the police, he said, "Police personnel have been injured. We are looking into it."

Mr. Amritpal has been speaking the language of secession and separatism, evoking calls for the freedom of Punjab and the creation of Khalistan.

The 29-year-old dresses similar to militant Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale and draws "inspiration" from him.

Giridhar Aramane

Aramane gets extension as Defence Secretary

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Defence Secretary Giridhar Aramane was on Thursday given an extension in service till October 2024, a Personnel Ministry order said.

Mr. Aramane, a 1988-batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of the Andhra Pradesh cadre, took over as the Defence Secretary on November 1, 2022.

He was due to retire in June after superannuation at the age of 60. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the extension in service for a period up to 31.10.2024, the order said.

Congress leaders should not consider themselves above law, says BJP on Khera issue

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Stir on tarmac: Senior Congress leader Pawan Khera and other leaders protesting after he was deboarded from a flight to Raipur. He was later arrested by the Assam police. ANI

The BJP on Thursday stated that the Congress leaders "should not live under the misconception that they were above the law", criticising them for agitating on the tarmac of the Delhi airport after party leader Pawan Khera was deboarded from his flight and arrested.

"Whatever has been done has been done lawfully. Congress leaders should not live under this misconception that they are above the law," BJP spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia said.

He also took a dig at the Congress after Mr. Khera's lawyer conveyed to the Supreme Court his client's unconditional apology for his alleged derogatory remarks against Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"The Congress is quick to apologise," he said, noting that its leader Rahul Gandhi had also tendered an apology to the Supreme Court over the Rafale case.

"Now its spokesperson is apologising. This is the petty politics of the Congress that it will keep abusing the Prime Minister even if it loses whatever little standing it may have," Mr. Bhatia said.

Interim bail

The Supreme Court has given Mr. Khera interim bail till February 28 in a case related to his alleged objectionable remarks against Mr. Modi in which the Assam Police arrested him after having him deplaned at the Delhi airport amid chaotic scenes.

Mr. Bhatia also slammed the Congress leaders for raising some "objectionable" slogans against the Prime Minister Narendra Modi during their protest at the airport.

"Prime Minister Modi enjoys the blessings of more than 140 crore people of the country and abusing him is like digging a hole in which the Congress will fall," Mr. Bhatia said.

Khera's jibe at Modi

Mr. Khera had recently referred to Mr. Modi as "Narendra Gautamdas Modi", in an apparent swipe at him over the row involving business tycoon Gautam Adani. His full name is Narendra Damodardas Modi, with the middle name standing for his father's name, a practice common in different parts of the country.

After a year of Ukraine war, forces looking to tide over delays in arms supply

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

As the war in Ukraine completes one year, apprehensions of delays in delivery of spares, components and ammunition have further heightened for the Indian armed forces. Official sources said deliveries of some spares and components which had been delayed from Ukraine could resume shortly. Even as uncertainties remain, a major effort is under way to find alternative sources from the domestic industry as well as other countries, senior defence officials noted. This is in addition to the payments issue which has delayed 'milestone payments'.

"We expect some deliveries from Ukraine to resume very soon," a senior official said. "There are also delays from Russia, including some items which are not of systems they are directly employing in the war. We are looking for some clarity on it," the official stated.

In contrast, in some cases, Russia has delivered some systems including the S-400 air defence systems but 'milestone payments' have been delayed. The Navy and the Indian Air Force (IAF) have major platforms from both Russia and Ukraine. The AN-32 transport aircraft of the IAF is from Ukraine.

General Manoj Pande

While the stocks last for long following additional sourcing done against the backdrop of the stand-off with China in eastern Ladakh, the concern is about timely deliveries for follow-on contracts placed as part of annual cycles. The shortages have been offset to some extent by reaching out to the domestic industry and scouting third countries which can meet the requirement.

The Army is feeling the pinch in terms of spares and ammunition, particularly for its air defence and armoured fleet, which are largely of Russian origin, a fact acknowledged by Army chief General Manoj Pande.

Ammunition supply

The Army is in advanced stages of procuring 23mm ammunition for its air defence guns from alternative sources. Two big industrial houses have sourced the ammunition from Bulgaria and the quality assurance trials are on, sources said.

Giving example of this import substitution enabled by the private industry, speaking on the sidelines of Aero India, Navy chief Admiral R. Hari Kumar gave the example of aircraft carrier *INS Vikramaditya* which has been undergoing a long refit that has been delayed.

"There are many parts which never came in time or not available as the original manufacturers themselves have closed the line. So we identified so many companies in India that could give us... in fact they gave us better quality," he said, adding there are so many things that are being manufactured and exported to foreign manufacturers that were not known.

Nine guest countries for G-20 to bring their own plans to the summit: officials

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

The agenda of the G-20 remains a strongly contested matter.

The "nine guest countries" to the G-20 summit and Ministerial meetings are expected to bring their own plans to the events but they will be ultimately guided by the "continuity" of G-20, a source familiar with the planning of the summit has informed.

Under India's Presidency, nine countries – Bangladesh, Egypt, Mauritius, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Oman, Singapore, Spain and the United Arab Emirates – have been invited to be the "guest countries" in a year when the G-20 is struggling to strike a balance between the agenda of the western countries and Global South.

"The invitee countries are like any other participants of G-20. We will not create preconditions for countries saying 'don't bring this or that' but G-20 has a certain agenda. G-20 has a continuity as the summit represents a continuous process that has run through many Presidencies," said the source, emphasising that it lays seeds for actionable policy and the "invitee countries" are also expected to play an important role.

The agenda of this year's G-20 summit is in the early stage and the ideas are being "socialised", said the official. The evident caution regarding the ideas is partly fuelled by the intense differences that have been generated by the division among the group because of the Ukraine crisis.

The agenda of the G-20 has so far remained a strongly contested matter with two different groups demanding differing subjects to be highlighted. While the western bloc in G-20 led by the U.S. and the U.K. are expectedly focused on cornering Russia the other side is determined not to allow the event to become an anti-Russia meeting.

A sign of the western focus was evident in U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen's comments in Bengaluru on Thursday when she pledged to bump up economic support to Ukraine by $10 billion while coming down heavily on Russia's military campaign. The meeting of the Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors (FMCBG) to be chaired by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Reserve Bank of India Governor Shaktikanta Das is being keenly watched here as it will be held on February 24, which marks the first anniversary of Russia's attack on Ukraine.

Gauhati HC imposes fine on poll official

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

The Gauhati High Court imposed a fine of ₹10,000 on an electoral registration officer (ERO) of Assam's Dispur Assembly constituency for referring a retired Gurkha soldier to the Foreigners' Tribunal (FT).

Jagat Bahadur Chetri, who retired from the Indian Army in 2005, was marked a 'D-voter' in the electoral rolls in 1997. D stands for doubtful. The ERO had referred the 85-year-old Army veteran to the FT. An FT is a quasi-judicial centre that tries people of doubtful citizenship to be declared Indians or foreigners.

APPEAL

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Uddhav questions EC's power to allot Sena's poll symbol to Shinde

The body's role comes in only when there are claims of rival groups within a party, says Kapil Sibal, appearing for the former Maharashtra CM

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Former Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray on Thursday questioned the Election Commission's jurisdiction to allot the Shiv Sena party symbol and name to the Eknath Shinde group.

Appearing before a Constitution Bench led by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud, senior advocate Kapil Sibal, for Mr. Thackeray, argued that Paragraph 15 of the Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order of 1968 only came to play if there were claims of "rival factions" within a political party.

"The jurisdiction of the Election Commission begins only when there are claims of rival groups within a political party. There is not a whisper of any rival groups. There are only 39 MLAs whose disqualification is pending. The issue was then pending before the court," Mr. Sibal submitted.

Governor's role

He highlighted the "role" played by the Governor in the fall of an elected government in Maharashtra last year.

He contended that the Governor had no discretion to give an audience to rebel legislators facing disqualification proceedings and swear them in.

"Uddhav Thackeray was the president of the Shiv Sena. In what capacity did the Governor give an audience to Eknath Shinde and give him oath as Chief Minister? The Governor by action recognised the split, which is not a defence under the Tenth Schedule... It was not then a stage when the government had fallen. The elected government was running at the point of time," Mr. Sibal contended.

The court asked whether the Governor could call for a trust vote when the strength of a House had fallen with many MLAs incurring disqualification. Mr. Sibal responded it was up to the representatives in the House to approach the Governor for a trust vote, and not for the Governor to take the initiative.

'Conrad Sangma wanted to finish me off politically as I am his strongest critic'

BJP vice-president for Meghalaya says that contrary to speculation, contest across Garo Hills will not be triangular and the party has the upper hand in the region; he adds that it has a stronger base and is more organised than it was in 2018

INTERVIEW

Bernard N. Marak

Rahul Karmakar
TURA

A former extremist and current vice-president of the Meghalaya BJP unit, Bernard N. Marak made news in July 2022 when he was arrested for allegedly running a sex racket from his farmhouse on the outskirts of Tura.

He speaks on why the tide is in favour of the BJP, particularly in the Garo Hills, and alleges that he was framed by Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma for being his strongest critic. Out on bail, he is contesting the South Tura Assembly seat against the Chief Minister. Excerpts:

Does the BJP fancy its chances in Meghalaya, where it has never won more than three seats?

We hope to get a double-digit number.

We may even be the single largest party and this is because our party is much more organised than in 2018.

How crucial is the Garo Hills for the BJP with the National People's Party (NPP) and the Trinamool Congress focused on bagging a majority of the 24 seats in the region?

Contrary to speculation, the contest across the Garo Hills will not be triangular. Our contest is against the NPP in some seats and the Trinamool in some. The Trinamool is not much of a factor. We have the upper hand in this region. We are also doing well in the Khasi-Jaintia region.

What gives you this confidence?

Apart from a stronger base, the people have come to know only the BJP can give them their dues and not another party (NPP) that betrayed the trust of our leadership by misusing Central funds for various schemes. The concocted case against me has also made the people realise they need to eject the Chief Minister and the NPP as they can misuse the law against them too. Our party contesting all 60 seats is a sign of confidence.

Concocted?

The BJP made Conrad Sangma the Chief Minister with the objective that he would ensure the proper implementation of the schemes launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. But many villages in Meghalaya are without water, electricity, roads and other basic amenities.

I became the strongest critic of the Chief Minister, his party and his coterie after becoming a member of the Garo Hills Autonomous District Council (GHADC) in 2021. He [Mr. Sangma] retaliated by accusing me of running a brothel and slapping 28 cases against me. But my party stood by me as I was innocent.

Does that mean you have been targeted for a political reason?

Absolutely. He wanted to finish me off politically as I am becoming his strongest critic and challenger in the Garo Hills. He planned to malign me so that my leaders disown me and the BJP disintegrates in the region.

But the BJP has been part of the NPP-led government.

Our party was not kept in the loop while implementing projects. The NPP took away ₹100 crore given by the Centre for the GHADC to contest Assembly elections in Manipur. As a result, some 1,600 employees of the council are going without salary for three years.

Ahead of plenary meet, Congress says Trinamool is 'soft on BJP'

Shubhomoy Sikdar
RAIPUR

On the eve of the Congress's 85th plenary session here, the party's communications chief, Jairam Ramesh, on Thursday stepped up the attack on the Trinamool Congress, as he seemed to question its role in keeping the Opposition united against the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

Mr. Ramesh questioned several of the recent actions of the Trinamool, including its role in the recently concluded Tripura election and its stance on the Adani-Hindenburg issue.

"In Tripura, the BJP is the main enemy of the Congress-Left alliance. It is the Trinamool Congress which has given every indication of being soft on the BJP," he said.

"In the past 24 hours in West Bengal, systematic efforts have been made by the government in West Bengal to discredit and get the Congress candidate for the bypoll disqualified because he is in a very strong winning position," Mr. Ramesh said.

In a reference to the Trinamool, Mr. Ramesh asked which was the only Opposition party that had not pressed for a joint parliamentary probe into the Adani controversy. "All [Opposition] political parties were united for a JPC, which is the only political party that did not want a JPC? That should tell you everything," he said.

CWC polls

The suspense over holding elections to the Congress Working Committee - the party's highest decision making authority to which 12 members are elected - continued. Mr. Ramesh said that the question would only be answered after the steering committee met on Friday. "This decision will be made by the steering committee tomorrow [February 24]. We are ready for polls, all preparations have been made. If the decision is in favour of the elections, elections will be conducted," he said.

Gandhis likely to skip steering committee meet

Sobhana K. Nair
NEW DELHI

In a clear signal to the party that Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge is firmly placed in the driver's seat, the Gandhi family – Sonia, Rahul and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra – is likely to skip the party's steering committee meeting at the 85th Plenary in Raipur scheduled for 10 a.m. on Friday.

The meeting will decide if elections will be held to the party's top decision-making body, the Congress Working Committee.

Mr. Kharge was elected Congress president last October. He is the first non-Gandhi to be in the post in 24 years.

The election to the post was held for the first time in 22 years, and Mr. Kharge got over 84% of the votes against his rival candidate, Shashi Tharoor.

Sole authority

In spite of these distinctions, it is difficult to convince the party rank and file that he is the sole decision-making authority.

The meet will decide if elections will be held to the party's top decision-making body, Congress Working Committee

More so, since former Congress president Rahul Gandhi led the five-month-long Bharat Jodo Yatra from Kanniyakumari to Kashmir, becoming the face of the party.

Mr. Gandhi assiduously, in media interactions during the yatra, redirected all organisational queries to Mr. Kharge.

The Congress president arrived in Raipur late on Thursday evening.

The party has organised a dinner to honour him. Sources said that the Gandhis scheduled their travel plans in such a way that Mr. Kharge is not overshadowed by their presence.

"It is likely that they (Gandhi family) will also skip the steering committee meeting, since their presence could send a wrong signal of them acting as backseat drivers," a party functionary said.

This is the party's first plenary session to be held outside Delhi since the one in Hyderabad in 2005. The party general secretary (organisation), K.C. Venugopal, this week termed the plenary session an "important milestone" in the journey towards the 2024 Lok Sabha election, with around 15,000 delegates from across the country participating.

The plenary will set the road ahead for the party and also reveal the contours of Team Kharge.

Campaign against BJP chief: NSCN leader held

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

A leader of the Isak-Muivah faction of the National Socialist Council of Nagaland or NSCN (I-M) has been held for allegedly asking people not to vote for Nagaland's BJP president, Temjen Imna Along, who is seeking re-election in the upcoming Assembly poll from the Alongtaki Assembly constituency.

Officials said a letter, purportedly signed by Lanuwati Jamir, was circulated, directing the people not to vote for Mr. Along.

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami after signing the Memorandum of Understanding for the ropeway on Thursday. ANI

Uttarakhand signs MoU to build ropeway to Yamunotri temple

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Uttarakhand government on Thursday signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) estimated at ₹167 crore for laying a ropeway from Kharsali to Yamunotri temple. It will reduce the travel time to the temple from three-four hours to 15 minutes.

The government has deployed SRM Engineering and FM Pvt. Ltd. for constructing the 3.38-km ropeway. It has given a deadline of three years to finish the project.

State Tourism Minister Satpal Maharaj said that the ropeway to be constructed from Kharsali to Yamunotri temple will connect the summer and winter abodes of Goddess Yamuna and will open another new chapter in the possibilities of religious tourism in Uttarakhand.

Till now, the devotees visiting Yamunotri – part of Char Dham temples which include Badrinath, Kedarnath, Gangotri – either walk or take a palanquin or a pony ride to reach the temple situated over 3,200 above sea level. The trek starts from Kharsali in Janki Chatti.

According to the government, the ropeway will be of mono cable detachable type. It will be able to carry 500 passengers an hour. The passenger capacity of one coach will be eight. This ropeway will work on the public private partnership (PPE) model.

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami said, "The Yamunotri Dham is crucial for our State and is recognised worldwide. With the ropeway, the journey (yatra) of the pilgrim will become easier and also reduce their travel time.

He said the project, after completion, will provide jobs to the local people.

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Two Cover Tender (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

Tenders on item rate basis are invited by the undersigned for the works mentioned below from the registered contractors of BBMP or equivalent registration with CPWD/KPWD/Railways/MES or any state Government Organizations.

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Calendar of Events: (1) Tender documents can be downloaded from **24.02.2023** from the website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** (2) Pre-bid meeting will be held on **27.02.2023 at 15:00 hrs.** at the office of the Executive Engineer (RR Nagar), Lakes, BBMP. (3) Last date and time for submission of Tenders: **04.03.2023 upto 16:00 hrs.** (4) Technical Bids will be opened on : **06.03.2023 at 16:30 hrs.**

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INBRIEF

Ministry seeks report on Kaziranga rhino estimation

The Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has sought a "factual report" on the rhino population enumeration, conducted in the Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve in March 2022. The information was requested for on the basis of a representation the Ministry received from environmental activist Rohit Choudhury, alleging anomalies in the estimation of the rhinos in the national park. He cited documents received via the Right to Information Act to conclude that the number of rhinos could have been inflated. The Assam Forest Department and the Kaziranga authorities said the estimation was consistent with the rhino's average annual growth of 2.7% in the park.

NCST issues warrant of arrest against bank CEO

The National Commission for Scheduled Tribes has issued a warrant of arrest for A.S. Rajeev, managing director and chief executive officer (CEO) of the Bank of Maharashtra, in connection with the harassment of a Scheduled Tribe woman in Odisha. The commission, invoking its powers as a civil court, issued the warrant and directed the Director-General of Police of Maharashtra to arrest Mr. Rajeev and produce him before the commission's headquarters in New Delhi. The commission asked the DGP to execute the warrant on or before March 2, and directed that a report be filed in case the warrant is not executed in the said time.

Singer Neha Singh Rathore takes potshots at U.P. govt.

Bhojpuri folk singer Neha Singh Rathore, who was served a notice by the Uttar Pradesh police for a satirical version of her song, 'U.P. Mein Ka Ba Season-2', lashed out at the State government on Thursday. In a tweet, she said, "Even if we sigh, we get notice; but even if they commit murder, there is no discussion." Ms. Rathore, a known critic of the Uttar Pradesh government, had mentioned the name of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath while referring to the the Kanpur Dehat incident in which two women were killed as their hut was set on fire allegedly by policemen.

AAP Punjab MLA Amit Rattan arrested on bribery charges

Amit Rattan Kotfatta, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) legislator from the Bathinda (Rural) Assembly constituency of Punjab, was arrested by the Vigilance Bureau in an alleged bribery case on Thursday. Soon after the arrest, the Opposition parties attacked the AAP over the 'corruption' issue, even as Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann attempted to downplay the matter, saying the law is equal for all and bribery will not be accepted by anyone. Shiromani Akali Dal president Sukhbir Singh Badal said the action was "too little, too late". The MLA's arrest came days after his alleged close aide Rashim Garg was arrested by the Vigilance Bureau in the same case.

60% of India's voters linked Aadhaar to voter ID: RTI

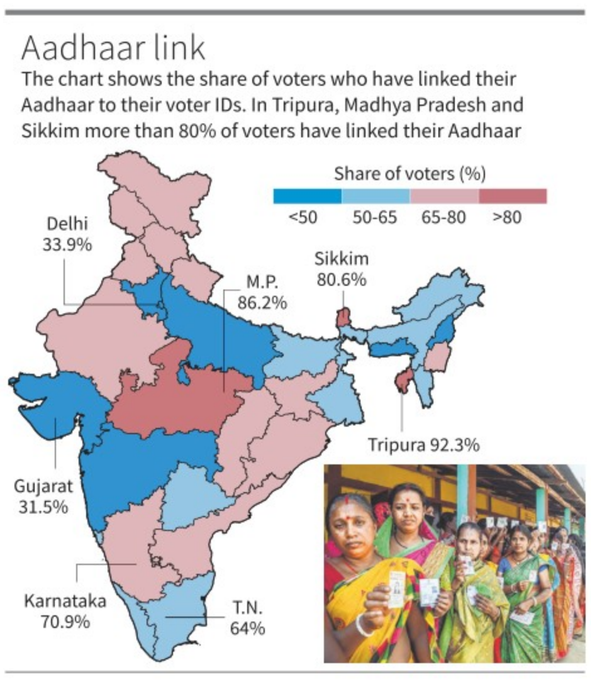
While Tripura leads the way with over 92% of voters having provided their Aadhaar details to EC, Gujarat and Delhi are at the bottom of the pile; southern States perform above national average

Aroon Deep
NEW DELHI

Over 60% of India's 94.5 crore voters have linked their Aadhaar to their voter IDs, the Election Commission (EC) disclosed in a Right to Information response obtained by *The Hindu*. The total number of voters who have linked their Aadhaar is 56,90,83,090.

Tripura, which went to the polls last week, had the highest rate of Aadhaar linking; over 92% of voters in the State have provided their Aadhaar details to the Election Commission.

Some of these voters may have provided documents other than Aadhaar, such as PAN, driving licence or passport, to fill Form 6B, which the EC introduced last year. However, the form primarily demands Aadhaar, and electors can only provide an alternative document after declaring that they do not have an Aadhaar. The Election Laws (Amendment) Act, 2021 was passed to de-duplicate electoral rolls by allowing election authorities to collect the 12-digit number from voters.


Aadhaar link
The chart shows the share of voters who have linked their Aadhaar to their voter IDs. In Tripura, Madhya Pradesh and Sikkim more than 80% of voters have linked their Aadhaar
Share of voters (%)
<50
50-65
65-80
>80
Delhi 33.9%
M.P. 86.2%
Sikkim 80.6%
Tripura 92.3%
Gujarat 31.5%
Karnataka 70.9%
T.N. 64%

The per-State percentages given here are based on total voter enumerations released by the States and Union Territories in the past three years. After Tripura, Lakshadweep and Madhya Pradesh occupy the second and third spots, respectively, with over 91% and 86% of voters having provided the number.

Voters in the southern States have not provided their Aadhaar in such proportions, though they are above the national average.

Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka both fell shy of 71%, whereas the number stands around 63% and 61% for Tamil Nadu and Kerala, respectively. The State with the lowest Aadhaar registration by voters is Gujarat, where only 31.5% have linked the document to their voter ID. Less than 34% of voters in the national capital had their Aadhaar linked.

Early summer won't impact wheat this season: IARI Director

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The IARI will also release heat-tolerant varieties of wheat that it has developed

A possible early summer is not expected to affect the wheat crop this rabi season, A.K. Singh, Director and Principal Scientist, Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), said on Thursday.

A day ahead of the 61st IARI's convocation, Dr. Singh told presspersons that there was less likelihood of terminal heat conditions till March 16, and by that time, the grain-filling stage of the wheat crop would be over.

The IARI would release new heat-tolerant varieties of wheat that it had developed.

Dr. Singh said the current maximum temperature in the wheat belt of northwest India was between 26 and 32 degrees Celsius and the minimum between 12 and 16 degrees Celsius.

"Currently, the maximum temperature is above normal by three or four degrees Celsius and minimum temperature is above normal by two or three degrees Celsius," he said.

Though February has been warmer, wheat has not been adversely impacted as the crop is in the anthesis to flowering stages, he added.

At the convocation, Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar, the chief guest, will release new varieties of cereals, fruits and vegetables.

"This year, 16 varieties/hybrids in field crops were developed through integrated approach of conventional and genomics-assisted breeding," Dr. Singh said.

Union Minster of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Narendra Singh Tomar will be present.

Arts, artists are carriers of culture: Murmu at Sangeet Natak Akademi awards

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Observing that culture was the real identity of a country, President Droupadi Murmu on Thursday said India's unique performing arts had kept its incredible culture alive for centuries.

"Our arts and artists are the carriers of our rich cultural heritage. Unity in diversity is the biggest feature of our cultural traditions," the President said, while giving away the Sangeet Natak Akademi awards and fellowships for 2019, 2020 and 2021 here.

Ms. Murmu said civilisation showcased the material achievements of a nation, but intangible heritage was revealed through its culture. "In our tradition, art is a spiritual practice, a medium of the search for truth, a medium of prayer and worship, a medium of public welfare... Art binds the linguistic diversity and regional characteristics in one thread," she said.

She said that Indians should take pride in the fact that the oldest and best definitions and traditions of art had developed in this country.

P.P. Kandhasami, a Therukoothu artiste, receiving the award from President Droupadi Murmu on Thursday. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

On the occasion, eight eminent personalities were given Sangeet Natak Akademi fellowships in the field of performing arts. A total of 128 artists from the field of music, dance, theatre, traditional, folk, and puppetry were given the awards.

Y. Gee. Mahendra, who won the award for best acting, said it was a recognition for Tamil theatre. A popular film actor, Mr. Mahendra said the fact that the award came for his stage performances "is a very satisfying experience." Dedicating the award to his theatre troupe, United Amateur Artists, his father, theatre doyen Y.G. Parthasarathy, and his guru Sivaji Ganesan, Mr. Mahendra said, "It is my 61st year on stage. I never gave up theatre for films. It is gratifying that someone is watching the hard work being put in to keep the Tamil theatre alive. It gives me the kick to continue."

The akademi honoured 86 artistes with one-time awards commemorating 75 years of Independence.

At post-Budget webinar, PM underlines potential of renewable energy sources

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Thursday that the potential of solar, wind and biogas energy in India was no less than any gold mine or oilfield for the country's private sector.

Addressing a webinar, Mr. Modi said that India's future development would be based on three pillars for green growth and energy transmission: increasing the production of renewable energy; reducing the use of fossil fuel in the economy; and moving towards a "gas-based economy".

This approach undergirded the announcement of schemes such as ethanol blending, Pradhan Mantri Kisaan Urja Suraksha Evam Mahabhiyan (PM-KUSUM, a scheme for solarising agriculture), incentives for solar manufacturing, rooftop solar scheme, coal gasification, and battery storage in the Budgets of the past few years.

The "green growth" webinar was the first of a series of 12 post-Budget webinars organised by the government to seek ideas and suggestions for the effective implementation of the initiatives announced in the Union Budget, 2023.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressing the post-Budget webinar on 'Green Growth' via videoconferencing on Thursday. PTI

'Invest in India'

"This Budget will play a key role in establishing India as a lead player in the global green energy market. That is why, today, I invite every stakeholder of the energy world to invest in India," the Prime Minister said.

On India's track record, Mr. Modi said that the country had demonstrated its capability to achieve the objectives before time when it came to renewable energy resources.

Under the National Green Hydrogen Mission, India aimed to produce five million tonnes of green hydrogen. An allocation of ₹19,000 crore had been made to incentivise the private sector in this field, he added. He elaborated on India's plans to efficiently harness biogas. "The Gobardhan Yojana is an important component of India's biofuel strategy. In this Budget, the government has announced plans to set up 500 new plants under the Gobardhan Yojana," he added.

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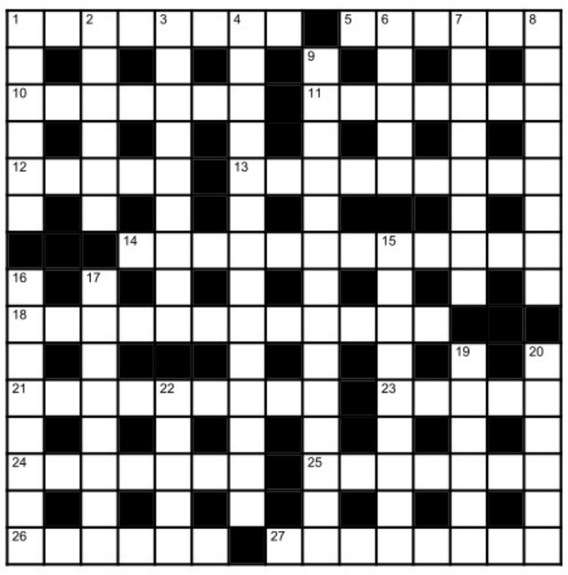

Across

1 Finishing off bottle finally, I leave bar, tottering and unsteady (8)
5 Bone in bag, unusual (6)
10 Whistle at the French model in sleeveless vest (7)
11 Bringing back gel to tackle arm pains (7)
12 Protest escalated, I hear (5)
13 Attend to damaged teak floor (4,5)
14 Spies suspects crossing meadow with dope (6,6)
18 Find flyer trembling with rage in accidental shooting by own army (8,4)
21 Plan to pick up parcel with English dessert (9)
23 Boy breaking former pupil's record (5)
24 Visual of Capitol riots (7)
25 Head of institute meeting potential donors inside a building (7)
26 Stumped by spin and pace (6)
27 Gives credit to nurse essentially involved in treatment of scabies (8)

Down

1 Face struggle to overcome depression (6)
2 Aimless national party crushed by force (6)
3 Everybody went on trips to American city (9)
4 Drunk model belly dancing with oomph let loose gradually (6,2,6)
6 Start to anxiously tackle a powerful Japanese dog (5)
7 Cook a most refreshing type of pasta (8)
8 Suspect corrosion after condensation (8)
9 Shot by Tendulkar, perhaps? Outstandingly brilliant idea (6,2,6)
15 Gardener gone to get hold of money plant (9)
16 Revolutionary special effects by performers showing special talents (1-7)
17 Smear about India's captain in column (8)
19 Consume some crabs or beef (6)
20 Delights in morning exercises (6)
22 Secured transaction set up to receive a little cash (5)

SUDOKU

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Importance of true devotion

Bhakthi or devotion is an abstract one. It can be experienced but cannot be fully explained. Mostly many of us pray God keeping in mind some desires or the other that we want to have fulfilled. Can that be called devotion? True devotion lies in worshipping without placing any demand before Him.

Like a mother feeding her child without the child asking, He who is more than a mother will give what is needed to us. '*Paal Ninaindhu ootum Thayinum saalapperidhu*'. If He does not give what we yearned for, we have to then understand that it is not needed to us. If we realise this we will be out of troubles.

Sri Andal says '*Thoomalar Thoovi thozhudhu*' – worship Him sincerely by offering flowers without any desires. Saint Arunagirinadhar says that our life is designed by our good and bad deeds (*iru vinai payan*). Great saint poet Thiruvalluvar says that the God of Time, as a carpenter lacerates us every day with the hacksaw having day and night as edges and hence we should not waste our time on other matters.

Swami Haridas Giri, a legend known for devotional songs, says that if you recline and sing, God will come and hear sitting by your side. If you chant by sitting He will come and hear standing near you. If you stand and chant He will come down dancing to hear it and if you dance and sing He will come and dwell in your heart, Sri Nagai Mukundan said in a discourse.

What all the four Vedas said and practised in the four yugas – pure devotion will yield the four principal objects (Dharma, Artha, Kama and Moksha) of human existence.

WASHINGTON

U.S. releases pilot's high-altitude selfie with Chinese balloon

REUTERS

The U.S. defence department has released a high-altitude cockpit selfie of a U-2 spy plane pilot soaring over an alleged Chinese surveillance balloon the day before it was shot down. The photo released by the Pentagon shows the Chinese balloon floating over the central continental United States on February 3. AFP

MOGADISHU

At least 96 killed, 560 injured in Somaliland clashes: hospital

REUTERS

At least 96 people have been killed in more than two weeks of clashes between security forces and clan members in the breakaway Somali region of Somaliland, a hospital director said on Thursday. "We have 96 dead and 560 wounded," Ahmed Mohamed Hassan, director of the main hospital in Las Anod, said. AFP

CHICAGO

R. Kelly to be in jail for 31 years for child pornography, sex trafficking

AP

R. Kelly, the 56-year-old singer, was sentenced on Thursday to 20 years in prison for child pornography and enticement of minors for sex but will serve all but one of those simultaneously with a 30-year sentence on racketeering. Judge ordered that Kelly serve one year in prison following the racketeering sentence imposed last year. AP

TEL AVIV

After Saudi Arabia, Oman to allow Israeli planes through its airspace

AFP

Israel's Foreign Minister said on Thursday that the Gulf Arab state of Oman has decided to allow Israeli planes to fly through its airspace, a year after Saudi Arabia took a similar decision. The decision was another sign of closer ties between Israel and some Arab countries. It would shorten the flying distance between Israel and Asia. AP

Biden, Putin display their alliances as Ukraine war enters second year

In Warsaw, Biden, who met East European leaders, says U.S. 'will defend literally every inch of NATO'; Russian leader meets China's Wang Yi in Moscow; Putin says his country will continue to pay increased attention to boosting its nuclear forces

Reuters
WARSAW/MOSCOW

U.S. President Joe Biden and Russian President Vladimir Putin bolstered their respective alliances with NATO and China, ahead of the first anniversary of Moscow's invasion of Ukraine.

Global tensions between superpowers were highlighted on a day of diplomacy in Warsaw and Moscow on Wednesday. Mr. Biden promised that the U.S. "will defend literally every inch of NATO", the military alliance that includes some Eastern European countries bordering Russia.

Mr. Putin said Chinese leader Xi Jinping would visit Russia, saying relations had reached "new frontiers." Washington is concerned Beijing could provide material support for Moscow's war in Ukraine, which began on February 24 last year and has become the biggest land conflict in Europe since the Second World War.

Standing ground: Joe Biden arrives at the Presidential Palace in Warsaw for the NATO B9 Summit. REUTERS

Mr. Putin, in an address to mark Thursday's Defender of the Fatherland public holiday, said Russia will continue to pay increased attention to boosting its nuclear forces and will begin mass deliveries of Zirkon sea-launched hypersonic missiles. Russia is due to begin military exercises with China in South Africa on Friday and has sent a frigate equipped with the hypersonic missiles.

On Wednesday, Mr. Putin welcomed China's top diplomat, Wang Yi, to the Kremlin, and Mr. Wang also met separately with Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov. TASS news agency quoted Mr. Wang as saying China would "firmly adhere to an objective and impartial position and play a constructive role in the political settlement of the crisis".

In Warsaw, Mr. Biden met with leaders of nine Eastern European countries that during the Cold War were either aligned with Moscow or part of the former Soviet Union. Some of them now are among the strongest supporters of military aid to Ukraine.

"As NATO's eastern flank, you are the front line of our collective defence. You know better than anyone what is at stake in this conflict. Not just for Ukraine, but for the freedom of democracies around the world," Mr. Biden said.

Gaza rockets, Israeli fire follow West Bank raid

Associated Press
TEL AVIV

Palestinian militants in Gaza launched rockets at southern Israel and Israeli aircraft struck targets in the coastal enclave early on Thursday after a gunbattle triggered by an Israeli raid in the occupied West Bank killed 10 Palestinians.

The bloodshed extends one of the deadliest periods in years in the West Bank, where dozens of Palestinians have been killed by Israeli fire since the start of the year. Palestinian attacks on Israelis in 2023 have killed 11 people.

The Israeli military said Palestinian militants fired six rockets and two anti-aircraft missiles from the Gaza Strip toward the country's south early on Thursday. Air defences intercepted five of the rockets and one landed in an open field, according to the military. The missiles did not hit their targets. The attacks were not immediately claimed by Palestinian militant groups.

In pieces: A Palestinian youth standing inside a house that was demolished during an Israeli Army raid in the Old City of Nablus. AFP

Israeli aircraft then struck several targets in northern and central Gaza, including a weapons manufacturing site and a military compound belonging to the Hamas militant group that rules the enclave. There were no reports of injuries in Israel or Gaza from the rocket attacks or strikes.

Israel says the raids – begun in the wake of a series of deadly Palestinian attacks last spring – are meant to dismantle militant networks and thwart future assaults.

IRA dissidents suspected of shooting N. Ireland detective

Associated Press
LONDON

A senior Northern Ireland police officer was in critical but stable condition in a hospital after two masked men shot him after he coached a children's soccer team, authorities said on Thursday.

A dissident Irish Republican Army (IRA) splinter group is suspected of shooting the detective on Wednesday night after a kids' soccer session at a sports complex in Omagh, about 100 kilometres west of Belfast. Three men were arrested on Thursday on suspicion of attempted murder.

The leader of the police force called the shooting 'a brazen and calculated attack'

The Police Service of Northern Ireland named the wounded officer as Detective Chief Inspector John Caldwell, a well-known officer who has led investigations into murders, organised crime and dissident paramilitary groups.

The leader of the police force, Chief Constable Simon Byrne, called the shooting "a brazen and calculated attack."

Politicians from across Ireland's political divide, and the leaders of the U.K. and Ireland, condemned the attack.

Biden names Banga to lead World Bank

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

U.S. President Joe Biden said on Thursday that Washington is nominating former Mastercard chief executive Ajay Banga to lead the World Bank, after its current chief David Malpass announced plans to step down early.

The development lender has just started accepting candidate nominations in a process set to run until March 29, with the bank saying women candidates would be "strongly" encouraged. Mr. Banga, 63, is currently serving as vice chairman at equity firm General Atlantic.

Ajay Banga

Afghanistan's Taliban reopen key border trade route with Pakistan

Associated Press
PESHAWAR

Afghanistan's Taliban rulers reopened a key border crossing with Pakistan on Thursday, allowing thousands of trucks carrying desperately needed food and other items to creep forward for the first time in days, officials said.

Taliban-appointed officials in Afghanistan's Nangarhar province confirmed the reopening of the Torkham border. The Afghan embassy in Pakistan also posted news of the reopening on Twitter.

The development comes a day after Pakistani Defence Minister Khawaja Mohammad Asif made a visit to Kabul, where he met with senior Taliban officials, including the Taliban-appointed Deputy Prime Minister for economic affairs.

U.S. mass killings linked to extremism spiked over 10 years

Associated Press
WASHINGTON

The number of U.S. mass killings linked to extremism over the past decade was at least three times higher than the total from any other 10-year period since the 1970s, according to a report by the Anti-Defamation League.

The report, provided ahead of its public release on Thursday, also found that all extremist killings identified in 2022 were linked to right-wing extremism, with an especially high number linked to white supremacy. They include a racist mass shooting at a supermarket in Buffalo, New York, that left 10 Black shoppers dead and a mass shooting that killed five people at an LGBT nightclub in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

"It is not an exaggeration to say that we live in an age of extremist mass killings," the report from the group's Centre on Extremism says.

Between two and seven extremism-related mass killings occurred every decade from the 1970s to the 2000s, but in the 2010s that number skyrocketed to 21, the report found.

Steady increase

The trend has since continued with five extremist mass killings in 2021 and 2022, as many as there were during the first decade of the new millennium.

Extremist killings are those carried out by people with ties to extreme movements and ideologies.

With the waning of the Islamic State group, the main threat in the near future will likely be white supremacist shooters, the report found.

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Notice Inviting Bids
NIB No. Exam/09/2022-23/ Date: 20.02.2023
Sealed Technical and Financial Bids in Single Stage are invited upto 03.00 PM of 13.03.2023 for procurement of 24 lacs Answer Books with OMR cover. Details may be seen in the Bidding Document at our office or the website of the State Public Procurement portal http://sppp.raj.nic.in or http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in and may be downloaded from there or obtained from our office on payment of Rs 2500/- in banker's cheque/demand draft.UBN- SUS2223GLRC00015
Raj.Samwad/C/22/14888 Registrar

RAJASTHAN RAJYA VIDYUT PRASARAN NIGAM LIMITED
N.I.T. No. 18 /2022-23
Tenders are invited from reputed contractors registered in appropriate class with RRVPNL and A or AA class in Central/State Govt. Department and their undertakings and registered in GST department for the bid S. No. 1to 2 of NIT No. 18 bid under Superintending Engineer (Civil) Ajmer and Executive Engineer (Civil) Mertacity. All details of above NIB are available on website https://energy.rajasthan.gov.in/rrvpn & https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in or https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in. UBN No. :- For NIB No. 18/2022-23- VPN2223WSOB01986, VPN2223WSOB01987
Raj.Samwad/C/22/14964 RRVPN/TR-5751/2023 Superintending Engineer (Civil), Ajmer

कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियंता एवं पदेन परियोजना प्रबन्धक
वाटरशेड सेल कम डाटा सेन्टर जिला परिषद भवन, कोटा
फोन नं.: 0744-2500127 ईमेल: SEWDSC.KOTA@RAJASTHAN.GOV.IN
क्रमांक: 2022-23/2897 दिनांक: 11.02.2023
NOTICE INVITING BID
NIB No. 01 YEAR 2022-23
Bids for NRM Works (Anicut, MPT, Pond etc. under PMKSY 2.0 Project Area in block Khairabad, Itawa, Sangod, Sultanpur (4 Package)) of estimated value INR 1106.34 Lacs are invited from interested bidders up to 6.00 PM, 03.03.2023. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in or https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in) of the sate.

NIB No.	WSC2223A0355
UBN No.	WSC2223WSOB00517
	WSC2223WSOB00518
	WSC2223WSOB00520
	WSC2223WSOB00521

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DIPR/C/2592/2023

WEST BENGAL STATE ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION COMPANY LIMITED
(A Government of West Bengal Enterprise)
WBSETCL
Registered Office: Vidyut Bhavan, Block-DJ, Sector-II, Bidhannagar, Kolkata-700 091
CIN: U40101WB2007SGC113474 • web: www.wbsetcl.in
NIT No.: CE(P)/WBSETCL/CB/22-23/26 Date: 24.02.2023
The Chief Engineer (Procurement) invites e-Tender for procurement of Circuit Breakers. Interested bidders may obtain bidding documents by registering themselves on the e-tendering portal (https://wbtenders.gov.in or https://etender.wb.nic.in) and thereby downloading the bidding documents from 24.02.2023, 02:00 P.M. and bids shall be submitted (online) up to 04.00 P.M., 21.03.2023. Visit the Company's website www.wbsetcl.in for details.
ICA- T3743(3)/2023

कार्यालय अतिरिक्त मुख्य अभियंता,
जन स्वास्थ्य अभियांत्रिकी विभाग, क्षेत्र-द्वितीय, जोधपुर
Tel: 0291-2650730, Email: ace2jodhpur@gmail.com
क्रमांक:क्षेत्र-II/जोधपुर/ निविदा/ /2022-23/7596-7621 दिनांक: 13.02.2023
बिड संशोधन सूचना (NIB) संख्या 97/2022-23
इस कार्यालय के पत्रांक क्षेत्र-II/ जोधपुर/ निविदा/ /2022-23/6817-45 दिनांक 06.01.2023 द्वारा जारी निविदा संख्या 97/2022-23 (UBIN No. PHE2223WLRC11767, EPROC ID: 2023_PHCJO_313976_1) की तिथियों में निम्नानुसार संशोधन जारी किया जाकर https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in एवं https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in पर अपलोड किया गया।

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ऑनलाईन बिड खोलने की तिथि	14.02.2023 को 2.00 पीएम	02.03.2023 को 2.00 पीएम

उक्त बिड आमंत्रण सूचना के शेष बिन्दु/ निविदाएं यथावत रहेंगी। बिड से संबंधित पूर्ण विवरण वेबसाईट www.dipronline.org, sppp.raj.nic.in, www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है।
अतिरिक्त मुख्य अभियंता जन स्वास्थ्य अभियांत्रिक विभाग, क्षेत्र द्वितीय जोधपुर
DIPR/C/2640/2023

कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, जल संसाधन वृत, उदयपुर
क्रमांकः- अअ / लेखा / राजसमंद / 2022-23/ 678 दिनांकः - 09.02.2023
ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या 06 वर्ष 2022 - 23
निर्माण कार्य Renovation of Sansera feeder and Mata ji ka kheda feeder, Tehsil- Railmagra, Distt- Rajsamand हेतु इच्छुक बोलीदाताओं से दिनांक 10.03.2023 को सांय 06:00 बजे तक निविदा आमन्त्रित की जाती है। कार्य की अनुमानित लागत राशि रू. 475.64 लाख है। निविदा वर्णित कार्य से सम्बन्धित विवरण व अन्य शर्तें वेबसाईट http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, www.dipr.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in एवं www.water.rajasthan.gov.in/wrd पर देखी जा सकती है।
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जल संसाधन वृत, उदयपुर
DIPR/C/2630/23

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice
Tender No : 53-54/2022-23/PHC/KNR(Re-Tender) Jal Jeevan Mission-Kasaragod District West Eleri Grama Panchayath Construction of OHSR Laying Gravity main and distribution system and providing FHTCs, EMD : Rs. 500000/Each, Tender fee : Rs. 19518, Last Date for submitting Tender : 09-03-2023 02:00:pm, Phone : 04972705902
Website : www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in
Superintending Engineer
PH Circle
Kannur
KWA-JB-GL-6-1683-2022-23

INBRIEF

ONGC to invest $2 bn to drill 103 wells in Mumbai offshore

ONGC said it will invest more than $2 billion in drilling a record 103 wells on its main gas-bearing asset in the Arabian Sea as it pivots a turnaround plan that will add 100 million tonnes to production. "We have released a record 103 locations for drilling of wells on the Bassein and Satellite (B&S) assets over the next 2-3 years," ONGC Director (Offshore) Pankaj Kumar said. PTI

Mahindra Lifespace names Sinha as MD & CEO designate

The Board of Mahindra Lifespace Developers Ltd. (MLDL) has announced Amit Kumar Sinha as the MD & CEO designate. Mr. Sinha will take over as MD & CEO from May 23, 2023. His appointment is consequent to Arvind Subramanian's decision to resign from MLDL with effect from May 22, 2023, for personal reasons, the company said in a statement. Mr. Sinha joined the Mahindra Group in 2020 as president - Group Strategy.

He became a member of the group executive board from April 2021.

Sonata Software to acquire Texas-based Quant Systems

Sonata Software North America Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Bengaluru-based Sonata Software Ltd., has signed a definitive agreement with shareholders of Quant Systems, a Texas-based software firm, to acquire 100% stake in it. The deal would include an upfront payment of $65 million, or a deferred achievement-based earn-out/pay-outs up to a maximum of $95 million payable over the next two years, and certain other payments on achievement of additional targets, the company said.

'Consumer demand to spur growth'

Finance Ministry sees revision in personal income tax slabs helping boost consumption; flags concerns about El Nino, cautions that delay in global commodity prices returning to pre-pandemic levels could keep inflation elevated for longer

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Even though a downward 'adjustment' in inflation may take longer to occur, especially if global commodity prices don't revert to pre-pandemic levels, consumer demand remains strong despite inflationary pressures and the proposed revision in personal income tax slabs should boost consumption and spur growth, the Finance Ministry said on Thursday.

Citing high frequency indicators from December and January, the Ministry averred in its monthly economic review that the economy was on track to grow 7% in 2022-23, with overall demand conditions remaining conducive to economic activity. On growth prospects for 2023-24, the Ministry cited the Economic Survey's estimate of 6.5% growth "with more downside than upside risks" and stressed that the geopolitical environment remained "fraught", which could spur more economic dislocation and supply chain disruptions. Predictions of El Nino conditions returning to India this year, if accurate, could lead to deficient monsoon rains, hit farm output and stoke prices, it cautioned.

"The most recent consumer confidence survey for January... suggests a tentative recovery in consumer confidence," it pointed out, adding that inflation risks were likely to be lower in 2023-24 but would not have vanished.

Asserting that the second half of FY23 had seen a "downward trend" in headline inflation due to steps taken by the government, the RBI and a downswing in global commodity prices, the Ministry acknowledged the decline had been at "less than desired pace for some commodities".

With retail inflation resurging to 6.5% in January, the Ministry asserted that a decline in inflation often does not occur in a straight line "as prices are usually downward sticky". "The adjustment may prolong... This could happen with consumption demand staying robust in the U.S., and reopening of the Chinese economy refuelling global demand," it added.

Cautiously optimistic

Notwithstanding inflationary pressures, Finance Ministry sees consumer demand staying strong enough to spur growth

- Cites high frequency indictors from Dec., Jan. to posit that economy is on track for 7% growth in FY23
- Flags prediction of El Nino returning this year, warns that this could lead to a rainfall deficit, hitting farm output and fanning prices
- Ministry says decline in inflation often does not occur in a straight line as prices are usually 'downward sticky'

'Global economy in a better place than many had predicted a few months ago'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The global economy is in a better place today than many had predicted just a few months ago, although there were still significant headwinds, U.S Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen said at a press conference in Bengaluru on Thursday.

"It's fair to say that the global economy is in a better place today," she said, adding that in the fall, many had been worried about a sharp economic slowdown across the world.

"The challenges we face are real, and the future is always uncertain. But the outlook has improved since we gathered in the fall," she elaborated. In its most recent estimates, the IMF had raised its forecast for global growth in 2023 to 3.2%, a notable upgrade from October, she stated.

Ms. Yellen said the U.S. economy remained resilient with year-on-year headline inflation having moderated over the past few months as supply chain pressures had eased and global imbalances had subsided. "At the same time, our labour market remains strong. In January, U.S. unemployment hit a low not seen in over a half-century," she added.

Janet Yellen

Ms. Yellen said forums like the G20 were important venues for macro-economic cooperation.

"During our meetings last fall, there was a shared view... that we must take decisive action on the challenges that we face in our own countries, that includes combating high inflation," she said.

It was also important to be attentive to the spillovers of monetary tightening from major economies to the rest of the world, she noted. "While there's much more work to do, we are beginning to see lower headline inflation around the globe. In emerging markets, financial conditions remain relatively tight, but have begun to show signs of easing."

However, Ms. Yellen acknowledged that a number of vulnerable countries continued to face acute distress. "We are not out of the woods yet," she added.

FM for global framework to regulate crypto assets

Press Trust of India
BENGALURU

Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday pitched for a global framework to regulate cryptocurrencies during bilateral meetings with her counterparts, including from the U.S. and Japan ahead of the G-20 meeting.

In her meeting with U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen, the finance minister discussed issues relating to crypto assets, strengthening multilateral development banks and global debt vulnerabilities.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	THURSDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	59,606	-0.23
US Dollar	82.64	0.22
Gold	56,035	-0.55
Brent oil	81.95	0.83

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	1382.65	-22.20
Adani Ports	551.85	4.75
Apollo Hosp	4448.05	-1.05
Asian Paints	2705.95	-90.00
Axis Bank	844.35	11.00
Bajaj Auto	3831.90	-8.80
Bajaj Finserv	1346.95	-14.00
Bajaj Finance	6202.35	3.70
Bharti Airtel	762.95	-9.20
BPCL	320.55	0.10
Britannia Ind	4451.50	-33.00
Cipla	960.30	-2.25
Coal India	214.90	3.05
Divis Lab	2873.20	-47.35
Dr Reddys Lab	4449.60	-27.10
Eicher Motors	3241.95	-7.75
Grasim Ind	1580.35	6.20
HCL Tech	1094.35	1.75
HDFC	2600.50	-16.80
HDFC Bank	1603.25	-10.95
HDFC Life	486.85	-7.60
Hero MotoCorp	2495.50	-3.95
Hindalco	436.45	6.75
Hind Unilever	2490.65	-3.40
ICICI Bank	839.75	0.50
IndusInd Bank	1075.60	-17.15
Infosys	1550.70	-11.10
ITC	387.60	3.75
JSW Steel	701.30	1.35
Kotak Bank	1707.15	6.60
L&T	2159.15	-35.60
M&M	1313.95	-5.80
Maruti Suzuki	8696.25	37.30
NestleIndia	18648.00	-26.15
NTPC	169.60	-0.90
ONGC	154.65	1.05
PowerGrid Corp	213.25	-1.40
Reliance Ind	2367.50	-11.40
SBI Life	1135.40	4.25
State Bank	521.00	4.65
Sun Pharma	972.50	3.95
TataConsumerProduct	716.10	-5.35
Tata Motors	433.20	3.75
Tata Steel	112.05	0.90
TCS	3413.80	12.25
Tech Mahindra	1128.80	3.10
Titan	2394.50	-37.05
UltraTech Cement	7176.95	-28.80
UPL	745.15	5.85
Wipro	393.95	-1.20

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on February 23

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	82.53	82.85
Euro	87.43	87.78
British Pound	99.30	99.69
Japanese Yen (100)	61.16	61.40
Chinese Yuan	11.96	12.01
Swiss Franc	88.54	88.89
Singapore Dollar	61.44	61.69
Canadian Dollar	60.98	61.24
Malaysian Ringitt	18.61	18.70
Australian Dollar	56.28	56.51

Source:Indian Bank

NSE gets final nod from SEBI for social stock exchange

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

NSE said on Thursday it had received the final approval from markets regulator SEBI to set up social stock exchange (SSE) as a separate segment on its platform.

The SSE segment will provide a new avenue for social enterprises to finance social initiatives, provide them visibility and bring in increased transparency in fund mobilisation and utilisation by social enterprises. Under the rules, any social enterprise, non-profit organisation or for-profit social enterprise that establishes its primacy of social intent can get listed on the SSE segment.

'Budget lacks enough emphasis on jobs'

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

D. Subbarao

Former RBI governor D. Subbarao said on Thursday there was no 'sufficient emphasis' on jobs in the Budget for 2023-24 and it failed to grapple with the unemployment problem head on, except to believe that growth itself will generate jobs.

Mr. Subbarao noted that the unemployment problem was quite bad even before COVID-19 and had become alarming as a result of the pandemic.

"I was disappointed that there was not sufficient emphasis on jobs [in the Budget for 2023-24] ... mere growth will not do; we need job intensive growth," he told PTI in an interview.

The former RBI governor was asked what was his biggest disappointment with the Budget.

According to Mr. Subbarao, roughly a million people join the labour force every month and India is not able to create even half as many jobs.

"As a result, the unemployment problem is not just growing but is becoming a crisis," the former RBI governor pointed out.

Zee shares sink 14% on insolvency admission

Reuters
BENGALURU

Shares of Zee Entertainment Enterprises Ltd. sank as much as 14.4% on Thursday after the National Company Law Tribunal admitted the firm under insolvency proceedings.

The move follows a petition filed by IndusInd Bank over a default of ₹830.80 million.

The proceedings come at a time when Zee and a local unit of Japan's Sony are merging their TV channels, film assets and streaming platforms.

Meanwhile, CEO Punit Goenka has challenged the proceedings in the NCLAT, according to a statement from his office.

Apollo Hospitals eyes 2,000 beds in 4 years

N. Anand
CHENNAI

Healthcare major Apollo Hospitals Enterprise Ltd. (AHEL) is planning to add 2,000 beds over the next four years in four major cities with a capex of ₹3,000 crore, said group chief financial officer A. Krishnan.

"Over the next four years, we are looking at adding 500 beds each in Chennai, Bengaluru, Gurgaon and Mumbai," the CFO said in an interview.

Mr. Krishnan said AHEL had a clear road map and also a free cash flow of ₹800 crore. The expansion costs would be predominantly funded through internal accruals. AHEL would adopt both organic and inorganic routes for adding 2,000 beds.

Currently, AHEL has 10,000 owned and functional beds through 43 owned and five managed hospitals. Of these, 15 are new hospitals with 2,400 functional beds accounting for 24% of the total.

"There will be two brownfields in Bengaluru, which will give us another 400 beds," MD Suneetha Reddy said in an earnings call. "Our plan is really to go to 2,000 beds in the next 3-4 years with a capital outlay of ₹3,000 crore," she added.

According to her, Chennai OMR will have a large hospital. More beds would be added in Chennai and Gurgaon FY25 onwards.

'CEOs upbeat despite economic unrest'

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

CEOs of large corporations of the world remain upbeat despite the current economic unrest, according to the 2023 CEO Insights Report, published by Arthur D. Little (ADL).

For the next three to five years, 63% of respondents anticipate a stable or positive economic environment, the strategy and management consulting firm said in the report.

'Indians optimistic'

Of the nearly 250 CEOs from companies with a turnover of more than $1 billion, 33% of the 21 Indian CEOs surveyed had an optimistic view about the economic outlook over the next 3-5 years, quite above the global average of 22%.

"Indian CEOs show a more positive attitude than their global counterparts, as almost two-thirds of them have a positive-to-stable outlook about the future," said Barnik Chitran Maitra, managing partner, Arthur D. Little India & South Asia.

"What is making the difference in India is the domestic demand which has been strong," he said.

The study further highlights that CEOs are keen on growth despite the crisis as half of them believe they will expand into new regions, while 30% anticipate growing faster than the overall market.

The Mysore Paper Mills Limited Forest Division,
Paper Town, Bhadravati - 577 302
Cell No. 9901187777/9448218706
MPM/FFR/DF/RM/REG/2022-23/031 DATE: 20-02-2023

NOTIFICATION

The existing and other contractors who are interested to register/renew their names with MPM Forest Division, Bhadravati for the period 2021-2023 as MPM Forest Contractor for carrying out the extraction & transportation of pulpwood from MPM Captive Plantations, may submit their application in the prescribed form by paying registration fee of Rs.1000/- in the form of NEFT/deposit in favour of MPM Ltd., Paper Town, Bhadravati vide current A/c No. 19053070001737, IFSC No CNRB0011905 Canara Bank, B.H. Road, Bhadravati to the office of APCCF & Director(Forests)i/c. Applications received after the due date will not be accepted. The prescribed application form and other terms & conditions can be had from the office of the undersigned on or before 22-03-2023 at 4.00 pm. MPM reserves the right to register/renew as MPM Contractor or reject any or all without assigning any reason thereof. Interested contractors can also refer to our website: http://mpm.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- APCCF & Director(Forests)i/c

DIPR/smg/No.210/02/mca/22-23/1990

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION

KPTCL invites bids for the following works:

No:CEE/TZB/SEE(O)/AEE-4/22-23/23727 Date: 21.02.2023

(1) Enquiry No.: KPTCL/CEE/TR/BZ/TK-241 (Call-2) for Providing 2 Nos of 66KV Line Terminal Bays at the existing 66/11KV Banasavadi sub-station to terminate 66KV 630sqmm UG cable from 220/66/11KV ITI Sub-station and 220/66/11KV HBR Layout sub-station by M/s. BMRCL on **Total Turney Basis** including supply of all matching materials/equipment and erection (including civil works) of all materials/equipment, testing and commissioning.

No:CEE(TR)/BZ/SEE(O)/AEE-4/23728 Date: 21.02.2023

(2) Enquiry No.: KPTCL/CEE/TR/BZ/PTK-233 (Call-3) for Providing Additional 1x20MVA, 66/11KV Power Transformer at existing 66/11KV ELITA PROMONEDE sub-station in Subramanyapura TL and SS Division, Bengaluru South Taluk and Urban District on **Partial Turney Basis** including supply of all matching materials/equipment and erection (including civil works) of all materials/equipment, testing and commissioning.

The bids will be received through electronic tender mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject enquiry in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging in to **e-procurement website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **01.03.2023 and 27.02.2023 respectively for (1) & (2).** Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/-Chief Engineer, Electricity,
Transmission Zone, KPTCL, A.R. Circle,
Bengaluru-09, Ph: 080-22282601/602.

BANGALORE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
T. Chowdaiah Road, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru - 560 020
No. BDA/2022-23/EL/WORK_INDENT1549 Date: 21.02.2023

INVITATION FOR SHORT-TERM TENDERS

BDA invites short-term tender for **Supplying & Erection of Octagonal Poles & Fixing of LED Light fittings at the MAR in Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout.**

Calender of Events:- (1) Period of Download to tender document from: **23.02.2023. (2)** Last date and time for receipt of pre-bid queries: **27.02.2023, 11:00 hrs. (3)** Date and time of pre-bid meeting: **28.02.2023, 15:00 hrs. (4)** Last date and time of submission by uploading the filled tender document: **09.03.2023 up to 15.00 Hrs. (5)** Date and time of opening of (technical bid): **10.03.2023 at 17:00 Hrs. (6)** Date and time of opening of (Financial bid): **14.03.2023 at 17:00 Hrs.**

For more details: Please refer e-Procurement portal from the website: **http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or contact at office of the Executive Engineer (Elec), BDA, T.Chowdaiah Road, Kumarapark West, Bengaluru. Contact No.: + 91 9845630164.

Sd/- Executive Engineer (Ele)

BDA/PRO/TN/44/2022-23

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the general public that our Client, intends to purchase the immovable properties bearing **Survey Nos. 147/1, 147/2, 147/3, 147/6, 147/8, 147/10, 147/10, 147/11, 147/15, 148/4, 149/17, 149/18, 149/19, 149/20, 176, 177/1, 178/1, 178/2 and 178/3 of all situated at Gummaghatta Village, Kasaba Hobli, Pavagada Taluk, Tumkur District,** which is morefully described in the Schedule and hereinafter referred to as **"Schedule Properties".**

Any person having any right, title or interest in the Schedule Properties or having any objection to the sale must notify the undersigned with documentary proof thereof **within 15 days** of this publication, failing which it shall be deemed that no person has any objection to our Client purchasing the Schedule Properties.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

The following properties all situated Gummaghatta Village, Kasaba Hobli, Pavagada Taluk, Tumkur District.

Sl. No.	Sy. No.	Full Extent	Exnt To Be Registered	Owner	Boundaries			
					East	West	North	South
1.	147-1	6.00	5.39	P. NAGARAJU	Sy No 175-18	Sy No 145	Sy No 147-2	Sy No 148-1, 148-2, 148-3 & 148-4
2.	147-2	4.37	4.35	N.SHIVARAMA PRASAD	Sy No 175-18	Sy No 145	Sy No 147-3	Sy No 147-1
3.	147-3	5.06	4.38	K.HARIBABU	Sy No 175-18	Sy No 145	Sy No 147-4	Sy No 147-2
4.	147-6	2.17	2.17	N.SHIVARAMA PRASAD	Sy No 175-1	Sy No 146-6	Sy No 147-7	Sy No 147-5
5.	147-8	2.27	2.27	SAKAMMA	Sy No 176	Sy No 146-6	Sy No 147-15	Sy No 147-10
6.	147-10	4.18	4.18	NANJAMMA	Sy No 175-1 & 176	Sy No 146-6	Sy No 147-8	Sy No 147-11
7.	147-11	0.23	0.23	NANJAMMA	Sy No 175-1	Sy No 146-6	Sy No 147-10	Sy No 147-7
8.	147-15	2.13	2.13	SAKAMMA	Sy No 176	Sy No 146-6	Sy No 147-9	Sy No 147-8
9.	148-4	9.27	9.27	P. NAGARAJU & P. SUJATHAMMA	Sy No 148-3	Sy No 148-2	Sy No 147-1	Sy No 149-2
10.	149-17	7.10	7.00	K.CHITHARANJAN REDDY	Sy No 171-1	Sy No 149-1	Sy No148-3 & 172-1	Sy No 149-18
11.	149-18	7.09	7.00	B.V.V. NAGESWRA RAO	Sy No 171-1	Sy No 149-1	Sy No 149-17	Sy No 149-19
12.	149-19	7.25	7.00	N. SHIVARAMA PRASAD	Sy No 171-1	Sy No 149-1	Sy No 149-18	Sy No 149-20
13.	149-20	6.39	6.00	K. HARIBABU	Sy No 149-21	Sy No 149-1	Sy No 149-19	Sy No 149-21 & 166
14.	176	19.18	19.14	N. SHIVARAMA PRASAD	Sy No 177-1	Sy No 147-8, 147-9 & 147-10	Land Of Andhra Pradesh	Sy No 175-1 To 175-9
15.	177-1	8.055	8.055	MUTHYALA REDDY	Remaining Part Of The Sy No 177-1	Sy No 176	Land Of Andhra Pradesh	Sy No 178-2
16.	178-1	5.05	4.35	K. HARIBABU	Sy No 178-2	Sy No 178-2	Sy No 178-2	Sy No 173-1 & 173-3
17.	178-2	17.07	16.24	N. SHIVARAMA PRASAD	Sy No 179-3	Sy No 175-9, 175-10 & 175-19	Sy No 177-1 & 177-2	Sy No 178-1, 178-3 & 173-1
18.	178-3	2.38	2.35	K. HARIBABU	Sy No 178-2	Sy No 178-2	Sy No 178-2	Sy No 173-1
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TIME TO WHISTLE

Chennai Super Kings camp to begin at MAC Stadium on March 3

Chennai Super Kings will start preparations on March 3 at the M.A. Chidambaram Stadium for the 16th edition of the Indian Premier League (IPL). M.S. Dhoni is set to arrive in Chennai on March 2, a day before the camp. The rest of the Super Kings players are expected to reach the city in batches.

CARRYING ON

Warner vows to play white-ball cricket till 2024

Struggling Australia opener David Warner on Thursday vowed to keep playing white-ball cricket till 2024 if the selectors decided to end his illustrious Test career. Warner arrived here on Thursday after being ruled out of the remaining two Tests of the four-match Border-Gavaskar Trophy in India due to a fractured elbow.

PROMOTED

Ravin Jain is Ferrari's new head of strategy

Ferrari's long-serving race strategy engineer Ravin Jain has taken over from Spaniard Inaki Rueda as the head of strategy of the iconic car-maker's F1 team. Ravin will begin at the Bahrain Grand Prix next weekend. Reports say the Ferrari F1 team management decided to promote Ravin following quite a few high-profile errors last season.

TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCE

Danni Wyatt reveals 'terrifying' cable car moment

England cricketer Danni Wyatt revealed on Thursday the "terrifying" moment when Cape Town's famed Table Mountain cable car lost power. "There were a few technical issues that made me very nervous before we boarded the cable car and then it decided to drop a little bit and swung," said the 31-year-old.

Harmanpreet's bizarre run out leaves India agonisingly short

Her bat gets stuck on the ground and she fails to reach the crease while going for a second run; the captain's 34-ball 52, and her 69-run stand with Jemimah, puts the team on course in its pursuit of Australia's 172 when tragedy strikes

ICC T20 WOMEN'S WC

Press Trust of India
CAPE TOWN

India wilted under the pressure of a knock-out game yet again after skipper Harmanpreet Kaur's freak run out as defending champion Australia entered the ICC Women's T20 World Cup final for the seventh successive time with a five-run win here on Thursday. India's shoddy fielding and catching allowed the Aussies to post 172 for four after Meg Lanning opted to bat in the semifinal.

Chasing the challenging total, India slipped to 28 for three before Jemimah Rodrigues (43, 24b, 6x4) and Harmanpreet (52, 34b, 6x4, 1x6) counter-attacked and added 69 off just 41 balls to put the Women in Blue back on track.

India needed just 39 off 30 balls with five wickets in hand, but as has been the case in crunch games, the team fell agonisingly short.

Despite losing Shafali Verma, Smriti Mandhana and Yastika Bhatia cheaply, Jemimah and Harmanpreet took the attack to Australia. The skipper, who was down with fever before the game, got going with a six over long-on off Jess Jonassen. Jemimah, too, looked in sublime touch, hitting Ashleigh Gardner for fours off her first two balls. The inside-out lofted drives over extra cover off the spinners was the highlight of her innings.

At 93 for three in 10 overs, India looked on course to dethrone Australia. However, Jemimah guided a slow bouncer from Darcie Brown to the wicketkeeper.

Harmanpreet was at her characteristic best, striking boundaries at will. She got to her half-century with back-to-back fours off Georgia Wareham.

The India captain, going for what was a comfortable second run, saw her bat get stuck on the ground. Alyssa Healy was quick to whip the bails out and catch the Indian short.

That proved the turning point of the match.

Earlier, Beth Mooney's classy 54 (37b, 7x4, 1x6) and Gardner's cameo (31, 18b, 5x4) swung the momentum Australia's way before skipper Meg Lanning's unbeaten 49 (34b, 4x4, 2x6) powered the side to 172. India was in with a big chance before Harmanpreet's run out sealed its fate.

Counterattack: Harmanpreet was at her belligerent best, striking boundaries at will. AFP

SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIA
Alyssa Healy st. Richa b Radha 25 *(26b, 3x4)*, Beth Mooney c Shafali b Shikha 54 *(37b, 7x4, 1x6)*, Meg Lanning (not out) 49 *(34b, 4x4, 2x6)*, Ashleigh Gardner b Deepti 31 *(18b, 5x4)*, Grace Harris b Shikha 7 *(4b, 1x4)*, Ellyse Perry (not out) 2 *(2b)*; Extras (lb-1, w-2, nb-1): 4; Total (for four wkts. in 20 overs): 172.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-52 (Healy, 7.3 overs), 2-88 (Mooney, 11.5), 3-141 (Gardner, 17.5), 4-148 (Harris, 18.3).

INDIA BOWLING
Renuka 4-0-41-0, Deepti 4-0-30-1, Shikha 4-0-32-2, Radha 4-0-35-1, Sneh 4-0-33-0.

INDIA
Shafali Verma lbw b Schutt 9 *(6b,1x4)*, Smriti Mandhana lbw b Gardner 2 *(5b)*, Yastika Bhatia run out 4 *(7b, 1x4)*, Jemimah Rodrigues c Healy b Brown 43 *(24b, 6x4)*, Harmanpreet Kaur run out 52 *(34b, 6x4, 1x6)*, Richa Ghosh c McGrath b Brown 14 *(17b, 1x4)*, Deepti Sharma (not out) 20 *(17b, 2x4)*, Sneh Rana b Jonassen 11 *(10b, 1x4)*, Radha Yadav c Perry b Gardner 0 *(1b)*, Shikha Pandey (not out) 1 *(1b)*; Extras (w-9, nb-2): 11; Total (for eight wkts. in 20 overs): 167.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-11 (Shafali, 1.3), 2-15 (Smriti, 2.2), 3-28 (Yastika, 3.4), 4-97 (Jemimah, 10.2), 5-133 (Harmanpreet, 14.4), 6-135 (Richa, 15.6), 7-157 (Sneh, 18.6), 8-162 (Radha, 19.4).

AUSTRALIA BOWLING
Gardner 4-0-37-2, Schutt 4-0-34-1, Brown 4-0-18-2, Perry 1-0-14-0, Jonassen 3-0-22-1, Wareham 3-0-29-0, McGrath 1-0-13-0.

Toss: Australia;
Player-of-the-match: Gardner.
Australia won by five runs.

I can't get 'unluckier' than this, says the India skipper

Bitter pill to swallow: Harmanpreet, who had high fever before the semifinal, almost pulled it off for India. ICC VIA GETTY IMAGES

Press Trust of India
CAPE TOWN

Harmanpreet Kaur found it difficult to control her tears as she cursed her poor luck for the freak run out that led to another heartbreaking knock-out defeat against Australia in the semifinal of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup on Thursday.

"I can't feel unluckier than this," said Harmanpreet at the post-match presentation ceremony where she wore black sunglasses to avoid eye contact as she was shedding tears.

"We got the momentum back with Jemi (Rodrigues). To lose from there, we weren't expecting that," said Harmanpreet.

When the presenter asked why she had tears, the skipper replied, "The way I got run out, (it) can't be unluckier than that. Putting the effort was important and we were happy to go to the last ball. We wanted to fight till the last ball."

Harmanpreet gave credit to Jemimah for her gutsy show and said that she was satisfied with the overall show.

"Even after losing the first two wickets, we knew we had a good batting lineup. I should give credit to Jemi who gave us the momentum. Happy to see some good performances," she added.

"We put down some easy catches. When you have to win, you have to take your chances. We can only learn from these (mistakes)," said Harmanpreet.

Gvardiol header earns Leipzig draw against City

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Reuters
LEIPZIG

RB Leipzig defender Josko Gvardiol powered home a towering header in 70th-minute to earn a 1-1 draw against visitors Manchester City in their Champions League round of 16 first leg on Wednesday.

The 21-year-old defender bagged the deserved equaliser after City's Riyad Mahrez had slotted in following a Leipzig mistake in the 27th minute.

City has now drawn its last two games after being held 1-1 by Nottingham Forest in the Premier League on Saturday while Leipzig's four-game winning run in the competition came to an end. The return leg is in Manchester on March 14.

Meanwhile, substitute Romelu Lukaku volleyed an 86th-minute winner to earn Inter Milan a 1-0 victory over Porto.

Earlier Alessandro Bastoni's downward header was expertly saved by Porto keeper Diogo Costa. Porto midfielder Otavio was sent off after receiving a second yellow card 12 minutes from time.

The results: RB Leipzig 1 (Gvardiol 70) drew with Man City 1 (Mahrez 27); Inter Milan 1 (Lukaku 86) bt Porto 0.

Sivasakthi on the double as BFC knocks out Goa

Hero: BFC's Sivasakthi had a day to remember, striking once in each half. K. MURALI KUMAR

ISL-9

Ashwin Achal
BENGALURU

FC Goa's hopes of gaining a playoff spot was ripped apart in harsh circumstances after a 1-3 loss to Bengaluru FC (BFC) in their Indian Super League (ISL) match here on Thursday.

Goa, which needed a win in this last league stage match to progress to the next round, came undone when BFC scored a contentious second goal. N. Sivasakthi pounced on a rebound to slot home, but replays suggested that the striker was off-side.

Despite strong protests from the Goa players and coaching staff, the referee awarded the goal to BFC. Goa's Edu Badia and Noah Wail gave the referee an angry mouthful, while assistant coach Gorka Azkorra received a red card for his persistent objection.

The goal completely deflated Goa, which had the momentum until this point. A few minutes later, a perfectly placed strike by BFC substitute Pablo Perez completed FC Goa's misery. The match hung in the balance in the first-half, when both sides traded blows.

Sivasakthi put BFC ahead with a header off a corner in the sixth minute. Goa struck back in the 33rd minute, with Iker Guarrotxena connecting with a header of his own.

The visitors started the second-half with a lot more urgency. But in a twist of fate, the side found itself out of the tournament.

The result: Bengaluru FC 3 (N. Sivasakthi 6 & 76, Pablo Perez 81) bt FC Goa 1 (Iker Guarrotxena 33).

India's challenge ends after Nagal loses to Purcell

BENGALURU OPEN

N. Sudarshan
BENGALURU

India's singles campaign at the DafaNews Bengaluru Open ATP Challenger ended on Thursday following Sumit Nagal's 4-6, 6-3, 6-3 defeat to Australia's Max Purcell at the KSLTA courts.

For a set-and-a-half, Nagal was the better player, but the match turned on an injury time-out for Purcell at 4-3 (on serve) in the second set when a trainer was called to strap his ankle. He came back with renewed energy to win eight of the next 11 games and book a place in the quarterfinals.

In the first set, Purcell, didn't seem like himself, largely playing the percentages, with the occasional pull of the trigger.

His serve was erratic; he fired six aces but could land only 61% of his first serves.

In the seventh game, he missed two and lost both points, and sent a pick-up volley wide to be break-point down. Nagal took it with a fine pass and held his nerve on the two subsequent holds to pocket the set 6-4.

Renewed vigour: Purcell turned the match around against Nagal after an injury time-out. K. MURALI KUMAR

In the second stanza, with Nagal set to serve at 3-4, Purcell called for the trainer.

After nearly 10 minutes of treatment, he sprung back like someone who had just had his magic potion.

The 24-year-old stepped into the court a lot more and tried to cut points short. Nagal wilted under the pressure, double-faulting on the only break-point he faced to go 3-5 down. He lost the set minutes later.

The pattern repeated in the middle of the third set when at 3-3, 30-30, Nagal miscalculated an approach and then double-faulted on break-point.

The results: Round-of-16: Max Purcell (Aus) bt Sumit Nagal 4-6, 6-3, 6-3; James Duckworth (Aus) bt Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard (Fra) 6-1, 6-2; Dimitar Kuzmanov (Bul) bt Alibek Kachmazov 6-3, 6-4; Luca Nardi (Ita) bt Jason Jung (Tpe) 7-5, 5-7, 6-2.

Doubles: Quarterfinals: Anirudh Chandrasekar & N. Vijay Sundar Prashanth bt Benjamin Lock (Zim) & Akira Santillan (Aus) 3-6, 6-4, [12-10]; Arjun Kadhe & Maximilian Neuchrist (Aut) bt Frederico Ferreira Silva (Por) & Dimitar Kuzmanov (Bul) 7-5, 6-3; Marc Polmans & Max Purcell (Aus) bt Francesco Maestrelli (Ita) & Ramkumar Ramanathan 6-3, 6-4.

Somaya sees bright prospects for Indian hockey team in Paris

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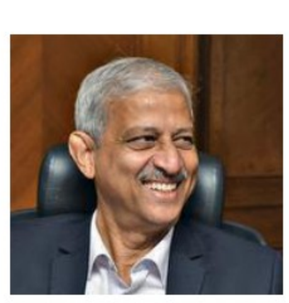

Somaya.

Sports Bureau

M.M. Somaya, 1980 Moscow Olympics hockey gold medallist, is optimistic about India's medal prospects in the sport at the 2024 Olympics in Paris.

"I want to see our hockey teams bouncing back before the Olympic year under a new coaching staff. I hope the players and support staff gel well. By the time 2024 rolls on, we will again have teams that will be medal contenders," said Somaya, who is also part of the jury for the *Sportstar* Aces Awards.

"As far as hockey's concerned, the Asian Games in September is crucial because if we win a gold there, we automatically qualify for the Paris Olympics in 2024.

"It's an equally important event for other disciplines too like wrestling and boxing, because the competition is stiff," he added.

Somaya lauded the country's women athletes for their stellar show across disciplines in 2022. "For me, the biggest takeaway was how the women athletes outdid their male counterparts in almost every discipline – boxing, wrestling, athletics, and badminton," he said.

The *Sportstar* Aces Awards will be held in Mumbai on February 27.

The event is powered by IDFC First Bank and supported by Indian Oil, India Cements, United India, Ramaiah University, Experimenta Science Center GD Naidu Charity, Finolex Pipes, LIC, BPCL, Samsonite, Big Basket, Nippon Paint, CRICHQ and Casagrand.

INBRIEF

US wins SheBelieves Cup football beating Brazil

Alex Morgan and Mallory Swanson scored and the United States defeated Brazil 2-1 to win the SheBelieves Cup for the fourth straight year in Tokyo on Wednesday. Japan defeated Canada 3-0 to finish runner-up in the four-team, round-robin tournament.

Pride at stake for India's cagers against Jordan

India faces a stiff challenge against Jordan in the sixth and final window of the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023 Asian Qualifiers, at the Sree Kanteerava Indoor Stadium, Bengaluru, on Friday. India, which has lost all eight of its matches thus far, is out of contention. There is nothing at stake but pride for the home team, which will end its campaign against Saudi Arabia at the same venue here on Monday. A win for Jordan on Friday will help the side stay in contention for a World Cup spot. Jordan has won four of its eight outings thus far.

Football commentator John Motson no more

John Motson, the *BBC* football commentator who was one of the most well-known voices in British sport for 50 years, has died. He was 77. Fondly known as "Motty," Motson called games for Britain's national broadcaster from 1968-2018, covering 10 World Cups, 10 European Championships and 29 FA Cup finals. He commentated on almost 2,500 televised games.

Wrestling Oversight Committee's tenure extended

The Union Sports Ministry has extended the term of the Oversight Committee for wrestling by two weeks for submission of its enquiry report pertaining to the complaint filed by a group of wrestlers against the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI). The M.C. Mary Kom-chaired committee, which was given four weeks' time to submit its report, requested an extension. It will continue to carry out the day-to-day administration of the federation.

Konney saves the day for Gokulam against Roots

Samuel Konney's late goal helped Gokulam FC snatch a 1-1 draw against Roots FC in the Stafford Challenge Cup football tournament in Bengaluru on Thursday.

The results: Roots FC 1 (Victor Britto 64) drew with Gokulam FC 1 (Samuel Konney 87); Dempo SC 1 (Shreyash Gajanan 86) drew with MEG & Centre 1 (Ayush 16).

Lalchhanhimi, Vansita and Komal are champions

Lalchhanhimi (76kg), Vansita Verma (81kg) and Komal Wakale (87kg) emerged as the champions in their respective categories at the Khelo India women's National-ranking weightlifting tournament in Patna on Thursday.

The results (seniors only): 76kg: 1. Lalchhanhimi (Miz) snatch 80kg, clean and jerk 120kg, 200kg; 2. Vandana Gupta (RSPB) 80kg, 105kg, 185kg; 3. M. Keerthi (Odi) 71kg, 94kg, 165kg; **81kg:** 1. Vansita Verma (Chd) 90kg, 116kg, 206kg; 2. N. Lalitha (RSPB) 87kg, 105kg, 192kg; 3. Rakhi Purohit (Raj) 80kg, 104kg, 184kg; **87kg:** 1. Komal Wakale (Mah) 84kg, 101kg, 185kg; 2. Abhishikta Kaduluri (Odi) 75kg, 91kg, 166kg; 3. Aayushi Gajjar (Guj) 73kg, 90kg, 163kg.

LIVE TELECAST

Golf: Indian Open, Eurosport (SD & HD), 1 p.m. onwards

ATP Bengaluru Open: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 3 p.m. onwards

I-League: Eurosport (SD & HD), 4.30 p.m.

Women's T20 World Cup: 2nd semifinal, Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 6.30 p.m.

PVL: Sony Sports Ten 1, 2, 3 (SD & HD) & LIV, 7 p.m.

ISL: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m.

Serie A: Jio Cinema App, 10.30 p.m. & 1.15 a.m. (Saturday)

Bundesliga: Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 1 a.m. (Saturday)

Premier League: SS Select 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 1.30 a.m. (Saturday)

LaLiga: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 1.30 a.m. (Saturday)

New Zealand vs England: 2nd Test, day 2, Prime Video, 3.30 a.m. (Saturday)

Paul signs off with four astonishing birdies to emerge as the late leader with a 65

Honey Baisoya, Shubhankar Sharma and Angad Cheema impress to stay within the top four in the leaderboard

INDIAN OPEN

Rakesh Rao
GURUGRAM

For the better part of Thursday, Honey Baisoya stayed atop the leaderboard. His round of six-under 66 for a two-shot cushion over Shubhankar Sharma and three clear of Angad Cheema provided a rare sight of Indians occupying the top three slots of a European Tour golf event.

Before the day ended, Germany's Yannik Paul sneaked past the Indian trio and signed off with four astonishing birdies to emerge as the late leader with a first-round 65 in the $2 million-dollar Hero Indian Open at the DLF Golf and Country Club here.

Paul, runner-up to Thorborn Olesen in last week's Thailand Open, got back his touch much after a bogey-birdie start. After six straight pars, the German birdied on either side of the turn and moved to three-under for the day after the 13th.

In the van: Day One leader Paul lines up a putt during the first round. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The 28-year-old German found a new gear from the 15 to the 18 holes – considered the toughest on the DP World (European) Tour – for a jaw-dropping seven-under finish.

Good front-nine

In contrast, in far less breezy conditions, Baisoya had a better front nine. After three pars, Baisoya made his presence felt with a hat-trick of birdies and added more on the 8th and 9th holes for a front-nine 31.

Starting the homeward journey with a birdie, he moved to seven-under after the 13th hole. However, a double-bogey on the par-4 14th slowed him down but he did pick up a stroke on the 17th hole to stay ahead until Paul signed off.

Pushed to fourth spot after a final-hole birdie by Finland's Mikko Korhonen, Shubhankar made up for his unsure start with four back-nine birdies.

Starting from the 10th tee, Shubhankar's birdies on the 12th and the 13th holes were sandwiched between bogeys on the 11th and 15th. He broke a string of six successive pars with a birdie on the 4th and again on the 6th hole. What made him get close to Baisoya were his birdies on the last two holes.

Angad Cheema also started from the 10th and had a steady phase with a bogey on the 13th and birdie on the 18th. He got noticed on the last seven holes – with a hat-trick of birdies from the third hole, bogey on the sixth and two birdies in succession. His final-hole par kept him in the company of Shubhankar.

First-round scores: 65: Yannik Paul (Ger); **66:** Honey Baisoya; **67:** Mikko Korhonen (Fin); **68:** Shubhankar Sharma, Angad Cheema, Gudmundur Krishtjansson (Isl); **69:** Marcel Siem (Ger).

Other Indians: 70: M. Dharma, Manu Gandas; **72:** Khalin Joshi; **73:** Veer Ahlawat, Aadil Bedi, Abhijit Singh Chadha, Ajeetesh Sandhu; **74:** Akshay Sharma, Kartik Sharma; **75:** Shiv Kapur, Gaganjeet Bhullar, S. Chikkarangappa, S.S.P. Chawrasia, Sachin Baisoya, Dhruv Sheoran; **76:** Jyoti Randhawa, Rashid Khan ; **77:** Ahlawat Singh (A), Yuvraj Singh (A), Karandeep Kochar, Om Prakash Chouhan; **78:** Shamim Khan; 79: Udayan Mane; **82:** Varun Parikh, **83:** Abhinav Lohan; **85:** Kshitij Naveed Kaul; **91:** Sandeep Yadav (A).

Note: Yuvraj Sandhu and Yashas Chandra will complete their final hole of Round One early on Friday.

Yashasri's journey from other sports to cricket

P.K. Ajith Kumar
KOZHIKODE

As a schoolgirl, S. Yashasri had been into many sports initially. Cricket wasn't one of them. Swimming and basketball were. During an inter-school game, when she watched her teammate Pooja Vanka hitting the ball really hard, she felt she too wanted to bat like that. Since she was tall, she was asked to bowl pace by her coach.

Yashasri's progress was rapid and she made it to the India Under-19 squad. She was bought by UP Warriorz at the auction for the inaugural Women's Premier League in Mumbai a few days ago.

"My mother broke the news to me," the 19-year-old said during an online interaction on Thursday. "I had watched the early part of the auction at our home and then went to sleep."

The medium-pacer is thrilled that she would be

S. Yashashri.

joining a team featuring some of the biggest stars in women's cricket, like Alyssa Healy, who she believes will make a good captain because she is a wicket-keeper, and Shabnim Ismail.

Tips from Shabnim

She is looking forward to receiving some tips from Shabnim, one of the finest seamers in women's cricket. "I would particularly like to talk to her about the mental aspect," said the Hyderabad girl.

She is delighted that her World Cup winning India Under-19 teammates Shweta Sehrawat and Parshavi Chopra have also been signed up by Warriorz. "Shweta is a brilliant batter and power-hitter," Yashasri said. "And she has been my roommate on tours as well. She is a good friend and I have known from my time at the NCA, Bengaluru."

> I did not concentrate on studies and went to school only for the exams. But my parents were okay with it

She is grateful to her parents for the way they supported them, though not many would have felt there was a future for a girl in cricket in India. "I did not concentrate on studies and went to school only for the exams. But my parents were okay with it and they asked me to focus on cricket," said the girl who admires Hardik Pandya, Ben Stoke and Umesh Yadav.

Hussamuddin, Bishwamitra enter quarters

BOXING

Sports Bureau

Mohammad Hussamuddin and Bishwamitra Chongtham secured their berths in the quarterfinals of the 74th Strandja Memorial international boxing tournament in Sofia on Thursday.

Hussamuddin (57kg) got past Italian Michele Baldassi 4-1. Bishwamitra (51kg) beat Kenzhe Muratuly of Kazakhstan 5-0. However, Sanjeet (92kg) was knocked out by American Talley Jamar.

Late on Wednesday night, Simranjit Kaur (60kg) and Jyoti (52kg) posted identical 5-0 wins to progress to the women's quarterfinals.

While Simranjit defeated Danielle Scanlon of Australia, Jyoti got the better of Nozimakhan Bultrova of Uzbekistan. Arundhati Choudhary (75kg) went down fighting 4-1 to Australian Caitlin Parker.

UWW moves Asian championships out of Delhi to Astana

WRESTLING

Sports Bureau
KOLKATA

The United World Wrestling (UWW) has moved the Asian wrestling championships from New Delhi to Kazakhstan capital Astana due to the ongoing enquiry over various allegations, including sexual misconduct, levelled against the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) by a group of elite wrestlers.

The event, originally scheduled to be held from March 28 to April 2 at the I.G. Stadium Complex in New Delhi, will now take place between April 7 and 15 with the final dates to be confirmed, said the UWW in a statement on Thursday.

Astana hosted the 2019 World Championships and Kazakhstan was the host of the Asian championships in 2021. Almaty also hosted the third Ranking Series event last year.

"The UWW was forced to change the host of the continental championships due to the recent developments in Indian wrestling and a pending inquiry by the Indian Sports Ministry against the WFI."

The M.C.Mary Kom-chaired Oversight Committee, which was formed by the Union Sports Ministry to probe the allegations against the WFI and look after the day-to-day administration of the federation, had reportedly requested the UWW to postpone the event.

Meanwhile, the protesting wrestlers – including Vinesh Phogat, Sakshi Malik, Bajrang Punia and Ravi Dahiya – have stayed away from participating in any event.

Maxwell, Marsh back from injury for ODIs

Maxwell. FILE PHOTO: R.V. MOORTHY

Marsh. GETTY IMAGES

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Glenn Maxwell and Mitchell Marsh will make their international returns from lengthy injury lay-offs after being named on Thursday in Australia's squad for the One-Day International series in India.

All-rounder Maxwell broke his leg and underwent surgery in November after slipping and falling during a friend's 50th birthday party. Marsh went under the knife soon after for a long-standing left ankle problem, with loose bone fragments removed and cartilage repaired.

They both return for ODIs in Mumbai, Visakhapatnam and Chennai between March 17 and 22, giving Australia an early look at conditions ahead of the World Cup in India later this year.

Opener David Warner was also in the squad, despite leaving the Test tour this week with concussion and a hairline fracture in his elbow.

The ODI squad: Pat Cummins (Capt.), Sean Abbott, Ashton Agar, Alex Carey, Cameron Green, Travis Head, Josh Inglis, Marnus Labuschagne, Mitchell Marsh, Glenn Maxwell, Jhye Richardson, Steve Smith, Mitchell Starc, Marcus Stoinis, David Warner and Adam Zampa.

Calicut Heroes feels strong as the PVL comes home

Stan Rayan
KOCHI

As the Prime Volleyball League comes home for the final phase which begins at the Rajiv Gandhi indoor stadium here on Friday, Calicut Heroes head coach Kishore Kumar is a very happy man.

Calicut is fourth in the eight-team table with six points from three wins, but the team has played just four matches while the sides above it, league leader Ahmedabad Defenders and second-placed Kolkata Thunderbolts, have played one match more and Hyderabad Black Hawks have played six.

"It's good to come back home, it's a special feeling playing in front of your home fans, that should make us stronger," Kishore told *The Hindu* on Thursday evening.

Kishore revealed that some of his players had been unwell in the last leg in Hyderabad where Calicut suffered its lone loss, against Ahmedabad.

All set: Some of the top stars of the PVL in Kochi on Thursday. R.K. NITHIN

Calicut will play Chennai Blitz in the opening match in Kochi on Friday and will be in action in the second day too, against Kochi Blue Spikers.

Kochi keen for win

Kochi is yet to taste its first win in the league and will be eager to make the most of the home conditions too.

Meanwhile Tom Joseph, Hyderabad's head coach, has picked his four teams which could enter the semifinals.

"I think Ahmedabad, Kolkata, Calicut and our team Hyderabad will make it," said the former international, one of the country's best players after the late Jimmy George.

"And all the teams look equal."

The final phase had its launch event here on Thursday and PVL CEO Joy Bhattacharjya, Kochi Blue Spikers owner Thomas Muthoot and Calicut Heroes co-owner P.T. Safeer and a few stars including Kochi attacker Erin Varghese, Calicut attacker Ashwin Raj and Chennai Blocker Akhin GS spoke.

Matches begin at 7 p.m.

M.P. storms into the last four

HOCKEY

Sports Bureau

Diksha Tiwari and Preeti Dubey found the target twice each as Madhya Pradesh scored a 6-0 win over Karnataka in the quarterfinals of the 13th Hockey India senior women's hockey National championship in Kakinada on Thursday.

In another match, Maharashtra recorded a hard-fought 5-4 win over Odisha, via penalty shoot-out after the teams were locked one-all at full-time.

The other teams to reach the last four stage were Jharkhand and Bengal.

Semifinal line-up: Haryana vs Maharashtra; Jharkhand vs Madhya Pradesh.

Quarterfinal results:
Maharashtra bt Odisha 5-4 – via penalty shoot-out.
Madhya Pradesh 6 (Diskha Tiwari 2, Anjali Gautam, Preeti Dubey 2, Aishwarya Chavan) bt Karnataka 0.
Jharkhand 2 (Alka Dungdung, Albela Rani Toppo) bt Punjab 0.
Bengal 5 (Devika Sen 2, Amandeep Kaur 2, Monika Sihag 1) bt Haryana 0.

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No:RDW&SD/39/SBMG/LWM/FSM/Scale-Up/2022 Date: 21-02-2023

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Department, Govt. of Karnataka invites Expression of Interest (EOI) for implementation of Fecal Sludge Treatment Plant under Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Department. The last date for submission of EoI is **08-03-2023 before 4.00 PM.** Please refer **https://rdpr.karnataka.gov.in/** for further details.

Sd/- Chief Engineer RDW&SD, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/BCPL/4913/2022-23

Government of Karnataka

Public Works Department Office of the Executive Engineer, Davanagere Division, Davanagere.

Notice No.: IFT-52/JE/2022-23/3537 Date: 21.02.2023

e-Procurement Tender Notice

Ref: Tender Notice No. of this office: EE/DDD/ IFT-52/2022-23 Date: 21.02.2023

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, the undersigned invites Tenders in two cover system through e-procurement portal of GoK as per KTPP Act 2000 and Standard Tender Document KW- 4 related to Davanagere Taluk Mayakonda Constituency and Channagiri Taluk in the limits of Public Works Department, Davanagere Division from eligible Tenderers registered in Karnataka Public Works Department. 1) CLASTER -10,CONSTRUCTION OF DR.B.R.AMBEDKAR BOYS HOSTEL (100 CAP) UNDER SCP AT MAYAKONDA TOWN, DAVANAGERE TALUK, DAVANAGERE DISTRICT. (164579) ರೂ. **650.00** ಲಕ್ಷ 2) CONSTRUCTION OF DR.B.R.AMBEDKAR BOYS HOSTEL AT CHANNAGIRI TOWN & TALUK, DAVANAGERE DISTRICT. (165031) ರೂ. **650.00** ಲಕ್ಷ Last date for receipt of Tender for works: 10.03.2023 up to 4.00 PM, date of opening the Tender: 13.03.2023 up to 4.30 PM. Further details can be obtained from the above office during office hours (Phone: 08192-234951, 231530) or website: http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in

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VISVESVARAYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED

(A Govt. of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer VJNL. U.B.P Division No.2, B.R.Project - 577 115.

No: EE/VJNL/UBP/D-2/BRP/PB/Record room/2022-23/1438 Dated: 21.02.2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Two Cover System) (through e-procurement)

On behalf of the Managing Director, Visvesvaraya Jala Nigam Limited, Bangalore, the Executive Engineer, VJNL, UBP Division No.2, B-R Project, Shimoga District, Karnataka invites 1 No's of 4701 work **"Construction of Record room and other repairs to Office of Superintending Engineer, V.J.N.L, U.B.P, Circle No-01 and Executive Engineer, V.J.N.L, U.B.P, Division No-02,B.R.Project. Indent No VJNL/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT2651"** for **Rs.48,53,283.00** tender through e-procurement portal on **"Percentage basis"** from eligible enrolled KPWD Class III and above contractors (Registered under Shivamogga PWD Division). The details of EMD, Tender Processing fee, Calendar of events, contractor class, tender rules and regulations and other details can be obtained from **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from : **22-02-2023 from 11.00 Hrs to 02-03-2023** upto **16.00 Hrs** or from the under signed office, any corrigendum or Addendum will be published in E-Procurement Website.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
DIPR/SMG/No.206/ZENKAR/2022-23 **VJNL, UBP Division-2 B.R. Project - 577115.**

KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Office of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, KBJNL, Forest Division, Almatti-586201. Tq:B.Bagewadi.
Dt: Vijayapur. Phone:08426-281410

NO.KBJNL/DCF/BUD/DPT-/CAT Progr/e-tender/2022-23/1137 Dated: 21-02-2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(through e-procurement)

On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL Bangalore, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, KBJNL, Forest Division Almatti invites tender on Percentage basis from the eligible bidders for the 03 work as detailed in table below. The tenderers are required to up load two separate covers one containing technical bid with details as mentioned under instructions to the tenderers to the tenderers vide para-1.1 and other cover containing financial bid of the tender which will be opened only if he tenderar is found to be qualified to execute the tendered work vide para-2

Table shoving the tender dates and timings:
Calendar of events

Sl.No	Details	1st Call Tender Date
1	Publishing tender date	21.02.2023 at 5.00 PM
2	Last date for receiving the tender bids	03.03.2023 at 5.00 PM
3	Opening Technical bids	06.03.2023at 11.00 AM
4	Opening Financial bids	08.03.2023at 11.00 AM

Sd/- Deputy Conservator of Forests, KBJNL, Forest Division, Almatti

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केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

IRINJALAKUDA BRANCH,
Krishna Building, P.B No.7, Main Road, Near Tana Junction, Irinjalakkuda, Thrissur - 680 121

To **DEMAND NOTICE [SECTION 13(2)]**

Sri. Mani Saravanan (Borrower and Mortgagor), S/o Mani, No.1557, IIIrd Stage, Austin Town, BDA Flats, Vivek Nagar, Bangalore South, Bangalore-560047 & Golden Nest General Trading LLC, Post Box No.128263 Dubai, UAE, **Smt. Rathnam Viswambaran** (Guarantor and PA holder of Mani Saravanan), W/o Viswambaran, Alakkal House, Thanissery P O, Kizhuthani, Thrissur-680618

Dear Sir/Madam

Sub: Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

That **Sri. Mani Saravanan** have availed the following loans/credit facilities from our **Irinjalakuda Branch** from time to time:

Limit	Loan Amount	Liability as on 16-01-2023	Rate of Interest
FUND BASED	**Rs.35,00,000/-**	**Rs. 39,26,776.20**	**9.60%**

The above said loan/credit facilities are duly secured by way of mortgage of the assets more specifically described in the schedule hereunder, by virtue of the relevant documents executed by you in our favour. Since you had failed to discharge your liabilities as per the terms and conditions stipulated the Bank has classified the debt as NPA on **23-12-2022**. Hence, we hereby issue this notice to you under Section 13(2) of the subject Act calling upon you to discharge the entire liability of **Rs.39,26,776.20 (Rupees Thirty Nine Lakhs Twenty Six Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Six and paise Twenty only)** as on 16-01-2023 with accrued and up-to-date interest and other expenses, within sixty days from the date of the notice, failing which we shall exercise all or any of the rights under Section 13(4) of the subject Act. Further, you are hereby restrained from dealing with any of the secured assets mentioned in the schedule in any manner whatsoever, without our prior consent. This is without prejudice to any other rights available to us under the subject Act and/or any other law in force.

Your attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The demand notice had also been issued to you by 'Registered Post Acknowledgement due' to your last known address available in the Branch record.

Mortgaged/ Hypothecated assets: An apartment marked as No.1G (3 BHK) (Irinjalakuda Muncipality No.IV/212, A-6, New No.XXV/455-A6) having super built up area of 1040 sq.ftwith two bed rooms, Hall, Kitchen, Toilet, Balcony and other improvements in the ground floor of the Paradise Manikyam Apartment building with 2.056% undivided share in 14.06 ares of paramba as two items consisting of 9.61ares in Sy.No 67/2, and 4.45 ares in Sy. No 68/1 along with the right to use common areas, ie. Stair case, lift, verandah and car parking situated in Irinjalakuda Village, Irinjalakuda Desom, Mukundapuram Taluk in the name of Sri. Mani Saravanan, S/o Mani and **Bounded by: (As per sale deed: 612/2018,Irinjalakuda SRO)**: **East By:** Property of Swapna, W/o Chirayath Subash, **North By:** Property of Chirayath Mohanan, **West By:** Municipal Road, **South By:** Properties of Sreeraman and Rajagopal

Place: -Irinjalakuda **(Sd/-) Authorised Officer,**
Date : 17-01-2023 **Canara Bank**

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No.908/BGK/SEE/EE(O)/AEE-2/Tr.(W&M)/F-53/7389-96 Date: 23.02.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Only through E-Procurement Mode)

KPTCL invites tender on Electronic mode for the following works on **Partial Turnkey basis.**

1) **Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/2022-23/SS/WORK_INDENT 9679/CALL-3** for This office is inviting bids on Electronic mode for "Providing additional 1x10MVA, 110/11kV Power Transformer along with 11kV switchgears at **110kV Aski sub-station** in Sindagi taluk, Vijayapura district".

2) **Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL//2022-23/SS/WORK_INDENT 9680/CALL-3** for This office is inviting bids on Electronic mode for "Providing additional 1x10MVA, 110/11kV Power Transformer along with 11kV switchgears at **110kV Devaragennur sub-station** in Babaleshwar taluk, Vijayapura district".

3) **Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/2022-23/SS/WORK_INDENT 9681/CALL-3** for This office is inviting bids on Electronic mode for "Providing additional 1x10MVA, 110/11kV Power Transformer along with 11kV switchgears at **110kV Hirebevanur sub-station** in Indi taluk, Vijayapura district.

4) **Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/2022-23/SS/WORK_INDENT9682/CALL-3** for This office is inviting bids on Electronic mode for "Providing additional 1x10MVA, 110/11kV Power Transformer along with 11kV switchgears at **110kV Moratagi sub-station** in Sindagi taluk, Vijayapura district".

5) **Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/2022-23/SS/WORK_INDENT 10056/CALL-2** for This office is inviting bids on Electronic mode for "Providing additional 1x10MVA, 110/11kV Power Transformer along with 11kV switchgears at **110kV Takkalaki sub-station** in Vijayapur taluk, Vijayapura district".

6) **Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/2022-23/SS/WORK_INDENT 10057/CALL-2** for This office is inviting bids on Electronic mode for "Providing additional 1x10MVA, 110/11kV Power Transformer at **110kV Honawad sub-station** in Tikota taluk, Vijayapura district".

7) **Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/2022-23/SS/WORK_INDENT 10392** for This office is inviting bids on Electronic mode for "Providing additional 1x10MVA, 110/11kV Power Transformer along with 11kV switchgears at **110kV Atharga sub-station** in Indi taluk, Vijayapura district".

8) **Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/2022-23/SS/WORK_INDENT 10393** for This office is inviting bids on Electronic mode for "Providing additional 1x10MVA, 110/11kV Power Transformer along with 11kV switchgears at **110kV Hiremural sub-station** in Muddebihal taluk, Vijayapura district".

The tenders will be received through e-procurement portal only. The details regarding participation in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink "e-Procurement-KPTCL" or to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **12:00 p.m. of 27.02.2023.** Any other details can be had from the office of the under signed during office hours.

Sd/-, Superintending Engineer (Ele), Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Zonal Office Complex, Opp: Sector No.45, Navanagar, Bagalkot-587 103.

RURAL DRINKING WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION DIVISION, CHIKMAGALUR.

Tender Notice No.: 17/2020-21, 4th Call **Date: 21.02.2023**

Notice Inviting Tender

Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Division, Chikkamagalur invites Tender through e-procurement related to works of Chikkamagaluru, N.R. Pura Taluks of Chikkamagaluru District. Amount of work is Rs. 55.20 lakhs. Details regarding undertaking or having implemented work as per Standard Tender Document KW- 1,2 & 4 should be attached. Contract can be awarded to contractors only if they have the minimum qualifications as mentioned in Act 1.Tender for works should be submitted through e-procurement from 21.02.2023 to 02.03.2023 up to 5.30 PM. Tender will be opened on 03.03.2023 at 5.30 PM. In case this day is a holiday the next day will be considered. Notification can be read on www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in For further details the case worker can be contacted during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Division, Chikkamagalur

DIPR/ckm/No.284/mca/22-23/1982

Government of Karnataka

Office of The Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj engineering Division, Shivamogga

No.: EE/PRE/DS/JE/Tender/2022-23/2100 Date: 21.02.2023

Tender Notice

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, Tender is invited for work of total amount Rs. 432.39 approved under various Head of Account 5054, Viveka School, Scheme, 2202 School Scheme, Jalamrutha Scheme of Shivamogga Bhadravathi and Thirthahalli Taluks in the limits of Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Shivamogga. Further information can be obtained from www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 28.02.2023. Last date for submission of filled Tender has been fixed as 01.03.2023 up to 4.00 PM. Further details can be obtained from office of the undersigned officer during working hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer P.R.E. Division, Shivamogga

DIPR/smg/No.199/02/mca/22-23/1976

SMART CITY THIRUVANANTHAPURAM LIMITED

CIN U75302KL2017SGC05027

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tenders are invited for the following projects of Smart City Thiruvananthapuram Limited Project Area 1) Request for proposal RFP for Selection of Contractor for Development of Smart Roads and Underground Ducting Including Utility Shifting of Water Supply and Power lines in ABD area Under Smart (Corporation Roads) in Thiruvananthapuram.

SL. NO.	Name of Project	E-Tender ID	PAC Amount (Exclusive Of GST)	Bid Submission Last Date
Selection of Contractor for Development of Smart Roads and Underground Ducting Including Utility Shifting of Water Supply and Power lines in ABD area Under Smart (Corporation Roads) in Thiruvananthapuram.				
1	Road ID 65,66,67,68 (Padma Nagar)	2023_ SCTLT_551860_1	Rs.2,90,89,323/-	23/02/2023
2	Road ID 177 (Tamil School Lane)	2023_ SCTLT_551536_2	Rs.1,38,49,968/-	23/02/2023
3	Road ID 100 (Justice Shankaranarayana Street)	2023_ SCTLT_551252_2	Rs.2,64,00,214/-	27/02/2023
4	Road ID 182 (Kuriyathi Road)	2023_ SCTLT_552524_2	Rs.1,33,51,123/-	27/02/2023
5	Road ID 185 (MRT Road)	2023_ SCTLT_552621_2	Rs.1,66,77,152/-	27/02/2023

Date and Time of Opening Price Bid: To Be Intimated Separately to Technically Qualified Bidders by e-mail.
All the RFP documents and details are available on the e-Procurement Website. Bids are only accepted online on the Website **https://etenders.kerala.gov.in**

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